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FM MEMPHIS (9A-MFW)(P)

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY 22002

SPRINGFIELD IMMEDIATE 2472

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM. EXTORTION.

OO: ME

ON DECEMBER 14, 1981, THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF COUNTRY MUSIC ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH, HENDERSONVILLE, TENN., RECEIVED A LENGTHY RAMBLING LETTER CONTAINING A THREAT TO KILL CASH. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY [REDACTED] AND THE ENVELOPE WAS POSTMARKED CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS.

IN THE MARGIN ON ONE OF THE PAGES OF THE LETTER WAS CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"RONALD W. REAGAN - AREN'T YOU PROUD OF YOUR IGNORANT ASS - GETTING HIM TO COVER FOR YOU AND THE OTHERS, AND BY DOING SO, CAUSING HIS IMPEACHMENT: YOU WOULDN'T TELL HIM THE WHOLE TRUTH, WOULD YOU - YOU SON-OF-A-BITCH:" THAT STATEMENT DID NOT APPEAR TO FIT INTO THE LETTER

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USA JOE B. BROWN, NASHVILLE, TENN., PROVIDED A PRELIMINARY OPINION THAT THE LETTER WAS A VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1876. OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, MEMPHIS PROVIDED A COPY OF THE LETTER TO U.S. SECRET SERVICE, NASHVILLE.

SPRINGFIELD AT CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS: WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE INTERVIEW AND OBTAIN HANDWRITING SAMPLES.

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FM SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200)(P).

TO MEMPHIS (PRIORITY)

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UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] 9A-2218* JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO:ME.

RE ME TELETYPE TO SI, DEC. 14, 1981.

REVIEW OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA CITY DIRECTORY, CHAMPAIGN-URBANA
PHONE DIRECTORY, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENT STAFF DIRECTORY,
CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPT. ARREST RECORDS, AND CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE ARREST RECORDS HAVE REVEALED [REDACTED] HOWEVER, NO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALL [REDACTED] LISTED HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS. ATTEMPTS CONTINUE TO LOCATE/INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DETECTIVE, CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPT., CHAMPAIGN,
IL., WAS CONTACTED AND A CANVASS OF ALL CHAMPAIGN POLICE DEPT. DETEC-
TIVES PROVED NEGATIVE RE A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SGT., DETECTIVE SECTION, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S

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OFFICE, URBANA, IL., CONTACTED AND A CANVASS OF ALL DETECTIVES
PROVED NEGATIVE RE A [REDACTED]

REVIEW OF RECORDS AT MERCY HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC WARD FAILED TO
SHOW A [REDACTED] AS CURRENT PATIENT OR PATIENT RELEASED SINCE
APRIL, 1981.

SECRET SERVICE, SPRINGFIELD, ADVISED.

SPRINGFIELD AT CHAMPAIGN, IL.: CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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FM MEMPHIS (9A-2218) (P)

TO SEATTLE ROUTINE

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

OO: ME.

ON DEC. 14, 1981, THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF COUNTRY MUSIC ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH, HENDERSONVILLE, TENN., RECEIVED A LENGTHY, RAMBLING LETTER CONTAINING A THREAT TO KILL JOHNNY CASH. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY [REDACTED] AND THE ENVELOPE WAS POSTMARKED CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS. SPRINGFIELD DIVISION CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE LETTER WERE A NUMBER OF TOWNS LISTED, INCLUDING LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON; ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON; WOODLAND, WASHINGTON; KALAMA, WASHINGTON, AND OTHERS. THE LETTER MAKES REFERENCE TO [REDACTED]

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SEATTLE IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT RECORD CHECKS AT WALLA
WALLA PRISON AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RECORD CHECKS
AVAILABLE, SUCH AS DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECKS, IN ATTEMPT TO
IDENTIFY

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Mrs. June Carter Cash, wife of Johnny Cash, was interviewed at the House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee. Mrs. Cash said she was very frightened over the death threats against her husband contained in the letter received by [] on December 14, 1981. The individual who apparently signed the letter, [] was unknown to her.

Investigation on 12/14/81 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 9A-2218-4
by SA [] ald Date dictated 12/17/81

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[redacted] House of Cash,
Post Office Box 508, Hendersonville, Tennessee, furnished the
following information:

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She is responsible for receiving and opening the
mail at Johnny Cash's place of business, the House of Cash.
She received on the morning of December 14, 1981 a letter ad-
dressed to John R. Cash containing threats against cash.
The individual signing the letter was unknown to her.

Investigation on 12/14/81 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 9A-2218-5
by SA [redacted] : ald Date dictated 12/17/81

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Longview, Wa
Ellensburg, Wa
Woodland, Wa
Kelama, Wa
Bakersfield, Ca
Nashville, In
Holtzwood, Ca



John R Cash
House of Cash
Nashville Pike
Hendersonville, In.

President Monroe

Johnny Cash ever sets foot in the Philippines Island again - I will have him shot on sight! Viva La Filipino!"

John R Cash,

Have you looked up the Laws governing Plagerism yet? Those concerning Slavery, Grand Larceny, Bribery - oh yes, all those Tax Laws? The Declaration of Independence - "These Inalienable Rights - Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness - are guaranteed! You broke all of these.... Did you enjoy the Cowditz County Fair while stealing from me? J.W. Kelly Plumbing and Heating must be really fond of you after you and yours had the Green slime to back up in my bathtub, dont that a nice way for Youth For Christ-Columbia Singers - and you to earn your way into the penitentiary (PR 12071). I was there once myself - "your not going to Nashville - your going to Marshallville." This one was really Christian of you, - while sick from your Forced Drugs - and then when at (perhaps) your future home - Walla Walla Prison - you had them Force me to take Waldol - a drug you knew might Kill me. There are Laws about Attempted Premeditated Murder also. "Down Lifer Road of Sin" - do you sing it often now? How about all of the others? How about "Nero," "A Moment Of Glory," (the entire United States Armed Forces is ready to kill you for that one) - "I'm A Dreamer," song "Buck Owens" - Book "Josephus" You are a fuckin' idiot, and so are the rest of the motherfuckers that, "joined right in there!" You cocksuckin' faggot punk - I ought to take a 12 gauge and blow your illiterate fuckin' ass into right on a fuckin' stage! Had I known you financially backed the cocksuckin' anti-war demonstration - you would have been ~~that~~ ~~last~~ last fuckin' place I would have went for any fuckin' thing! 12 gauge - I still may - if I have to!

The populations of Chile, Uruguay - soon all Countries of the world will be see ing for your stupid ass!

Every C.B. radio in truck, car, house, is working over time asking for your and brother and the other n...!

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700,000,000 women now save your guts, Cash. The Soviet Union has me use for you. All of the Arab Countries now despise you. England now thinks you a fool, 800,000,000 American think you the sickest mind in America; perhaps the world.

How did you like "Interpretation of The Hangman." Scared the fuckin' Jesus out of "Hecker" didn't it fuckhead. "The Little Yellow Horse" I'll have to write again — I'll call it "The Little Yellow Man in Black." — but of course the ending will be much different.

How any man/group of men could stand by/force the suffering & endured during the last eleven-plus years is impossible to believe. You are/and were mere Animals torturing your Prey. Some of you are going to go to Death-Row — and Filming as you and the others did aboard United States Naval Base's — constitutes TREASON! This automatically means the Death Penalty. But, then you heard me beg for death, and did not care. Some and time again I literally begged you to stop torturing me, but you acted like some kind of ghoulish non-human. — the Nazis themselves were more humane.... You spoke of Functional Illiterates to Gov. Alexander — just what in the fuck do you call yourself? You must have a syphilitic morbid brain to accept an award "for your work against" illiteracy." And, then to go on with a Christmas special to further Rape the minds of America — after committing the most horrible deeds of Plagiarism — plus the other Hideous Inhumane Acts against me! I will see you burn in Hell, before I let a grotesque Animal like you ever again rape the minds of America's Children!

My Heritage is Country Music — but mostly my Heritage is America — and "There is an Eagle Flying Over This Country — Over Amber Waves of Grain, and a Big Ol' Flag a-wavin' — for those that would be

"I guess they can call you a poor Truck...."
but, wait now I don't think you can say: "I can hear him calling my name"

12/11/71

Small U Heagon — and you proud of your ignorant ass — getting him to cover for you and the others and by going so, causing his impeachment! You wouldn't tell him the whole truth, would you — you son-of-a-bitch!

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Much Sheet! If you do not do the above
in Business or in the U. S. Navy (ie Message
Traffic)-you are the stupidest, ignorant
son-of-a-bitch there is! And, - Treason
could be the motive for not leaving a
receipt — because then nobody knows
What or How Much — Only the
Saboteur or Thief knows! Of course
during time of War in Uncle Sam's
Yacht Club the punishment could be
death, — You know — like some
conscientious objecting Motherfuckers
did during the Vietnam War! — meaning,
this kind of National Security Advisor
Conscientious Objector Peacemonger Flower-
Child Murdering son-of-a-bitch that
placed "SAND" in the Ejection seat
(Johnny Lee put a little sand in my shoes)
Cartridges of American Aircraft!

Plagerism — I know you are already
aware of — You are Written — You
know the Danger — So, give 'em Hell
Gang!

"Big & Bright" - the forgotten Lincoln song was a piece of shit - like you and the others turned out to be. Don't read that special book

Americans...." I am certain that MacArthur, Admiral "Ball" Halsey, Chester W. Nimitz, George S. Patton and have more than once turned over in their graves because of you and those that would make a mockery out of Human Decency - and by doing so - a mockery out of America. Now, there are many of us who get sick at the sound of Country Music coming over an airwave, because it may be a Plagiarized song. Wank Williams said it best - "A tongue can accuse and carry bad news - the seeds of distrust it can sow - but unless you have made no mistakes in your life - be careful of the stones that you throw." Or, Jesus, "Let he that is without sin cast the first stone." You and yours listened to neither, and now you speak of others as being Functionally Illiterate, You and those others have brought Shame and Degradation to Country Music and to the Entertainment World. Now that I know the names of those involved - I sometimes want to personally kill all of you, and I could do so without flinching or eyelid. I haven't, because I happen to love God, The United States, and the Flag which is the Symbol for all of the above.

Illiteracy is not just Reading & Writing. It Never has been.... Illiteracy in Thinking is much worse. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 should have made this plain to you. Because a person could not read or write did not mean he/she was not intelligent enough to vote! I am in Illinois - not far away. Richard M. Nixon, is about ready to initiate proceedings in my behalf - and the behalf of-

America

"I don't remember Broadway being so busy" - it just "Country Music" - but

From:



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To : Meet The Press - Gentleman & Ladies of:

Your coverage of "National Security Advisor," Allen - was most informative. One thousand Dollars/ Ten Thousand Dollar payoffs/riposoffs cannot be tolerated in the Government of this United States. When personages of other countries must pay a "toll" toll fee for crossing the bridge into the Whitehouse — it is time to find out who the trolls are....

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The distinguished members of your staff questioning Allen, brought out a most important questioning statement. That of a receipt! These are supposed to be business people in this administration.... Any business man or woman that removes funds from a Cash Register, a Bank Vault, or a Top secret - Secret - Confidential - Immediate action, Urgent, or Routine message from files — leaves a location sheet (Receipt) / a How

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Date 12/17/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9A-2218) (P)

UNSUB, aka
 [REDACTED]

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
 EXTORTION
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis teletype to the Director dated 12/14/81.

Enclosed are three pages of a letter with envelope containing the threat against victim.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to photograph the enclosed letter for future examination and then provide the letter to the Latent Fingerprint Section.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine the enclosed documents for latent fingerprints.

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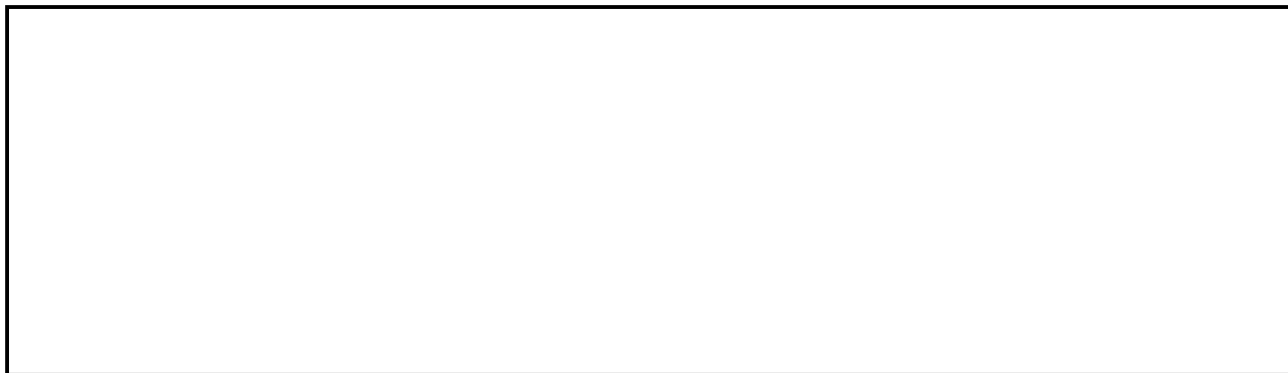
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OO: MEMPHIS.

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REFERENCE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DATED DECEMBER 18,
1981.

ON DECEMBER 23, 1981, RECORDS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE
PENITENTIARY, WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING.



SEATTLE INDICES REVEAL THAT SEATTLE FILE 9-1915 INVOLVES
JOHNNY CASH AS VICTIM. SUBJECT IN THAT MATTER WAS [REDACTED]

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THE INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED] IS BEING FURNISHED TO
MEMPHIS, AND NO LEADS ARE BEING SET OUT REGARDING THIS INFORMATION
BY SEATTLE AT THIS TIME.

SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. CONTACT THE
WASHINGTON STATE ARCHIVES, DIVISION OF PRISONS, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
AND DETERMINE FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DETERMINE HIS CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH, MIDDLE
INITIAL, AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT BACKGROUND
INFORMATION.

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

SEATTLE ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH-VICTIM; EXTORTION

OO: MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, ATTN: FBI LABORATORY,
 12/17/81; SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, 12/26/81.

REFERENCED AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR CONTAINED A REQUEST TO
 EXAMINE AN EXTORTION LETTER RE CAPTIONED MATTER FOR LATENT
 FINGERPRINTS. THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO COMPARE
 LATENT PRINTS FOUND ON THE PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED LETTER AND
 ENVELOPE TO [REDACTED]

SEATTLE REQUESTED TO ADVISE BUREAU OF IDENTIFYING DATA
 RE [REDACTED] WHEN OBTAINED SO THAT HIS FINGERPRINTS CAN BE
 CHECKED AGAINST LATENTS ON THE LETTER.

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TO MEMPHIS (ROUTINE)

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UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION,

OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SI TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DECEMBER 16, 1981.

ON DECEMBER 22, 1981, [REDACTED] OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
APARTMENTS, URBANA, IL., ADVISED THAT A [REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY
RESIDING AT [REDACTED] ADVISED
PRIOR TO THAT THE APARTMENT WAS OCCUPIED BY A [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FROM 1977 THROUGH 1979. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO
[REDACTED] RESIDING AT [REDACTED]

ON DECEMBER 22, 1981, [REDACTED] ILLINOIS STATE DEPARTMENT
OF CORRECTIONS FOR THE ADULT PAROLE SERVICE, 202 WEST HILL,
CHAMPAIGN, IL., ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE NO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CURRENTLY ON PAROLE FROM ANY ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY.

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ON DECEMBER 28, 1981, SPECIAL CLERK, [] SI
DIVISION, FBI, ADVISED THAT A CHECK OF RECORDS AT THE ILLINOIS STATE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, DRIVERS LICENSE SECTION, FEILED TO
LOCATE ANY [] ADVISED THAT HE COULD NOT
LOCATE ANY [] WHO COULD POSSIBLY BE IDENTIFIABLE TO
[] IN THE CHAMPAIGN, IL. OR IMMEDIATE AREA. []
ADVISED THAT THE ONLY [] HE COULD LOCATE IS A []

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SI AT CHAMPAIGN, IL.: WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE

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TO SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200) ROUTINE

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UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

OO: ME.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DEC. 28, 1981.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF SPRINGFIELD, THE EXTORTION LETTER
 IN CAPTIONED MATTER WAS SENT TO THE FBI LABORATORY AND TO THE
 IDENTIFICATION DIVISION BY AIRTEL ON DEC. 17, 1981.

SPRINGFIELD IS REQUESTED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE TO BE

AND ADVISE THE BUREAU SO THAT HIS FINGERPRINTS CAN BE CHECKED
 AGAINST LATENTS FOUND ON THE LETTER.

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A);

OO: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1981; AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR AND SEATTLE, DATED DECEMBER 28, 1981.

ON DECEMBER 28, 1981, [REDACTED]

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTIONS, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, ADVISED THEIR DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE ADVISED SHE WILL MAKE FURTHER CHECKS AND ADVISE.

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ON DECEMBER 21, 1981, [REDACTED] DRIVER'S LICENSE
SECTION, STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, OLYMPIA,
ADVISED SHE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WASHINGTON DRIVER'S LICENSE
FOR [REDACTED]

SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. WILL REPORT
RESULTS OF ADDITIONAL CHECKS BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB: AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM, EXTORTION,
OO: MEMPHIS.

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND SPRINGFIELD, DECEMBER 14,
1981; MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
DECEMBER 17, 1981; AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD, DECEMBER 30,
1981.

FOR INFORMATION, FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, ON DECEMBER 22, 1981, [REDACTED]
ILLINOIS STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR ADULT PAROLE SERVICE,
202 WEST HILL, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THE ONLY [REDACTED]

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THEY HAVE IS [REDACTED]

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REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION: MEMPHIS HAS REQUESTED FINGERPRINTS OF
[REDACTED] BE COMPARED WITH ANY LATENT
PRINTS OF VALUE FOUND ON THE LETTER SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY
BY MEMPHIS ON DECEMBER 17, 1981.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)

January 7, 1982

FBI FILE NO. 9-66412

LAB. NO. 11222039 D QJ

Re: UNSUB, aka
[redacted]
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

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Specimens received

December 22, 1981

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "CHAMPAIGN, IL 618 PM 9 DEC 1981" bearing handwritten address "John R Cash House of Cash Nashville Pike Hendersonville, Tn."
- Q2 Page one of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "President Marco's: "If Johnny Cash..."
- Q3 Page two of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "How did you like..."
- Q4 Page three of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Americans...." "I am certain..."

Result of examination:

Q1 through Q4 were searched through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Representative copies have been added to that file for future reference purposes.

No watermarks or indented writings were found on Q1 through Q4.

Q1 through Q4 have been photographed in the event a future examination is desired. If known handwriting of suspects in this case is obtained, that writing should include numerous repetitions of the exact wording of the questioned writing on Q1 through Q4 and should be prepared on envelopes and paper similar in size and format to the questioned items.

Q1 through Q4 will be returned separately along with the results of the latent fingerprint examination.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)

January 7, 1982

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 9-66412

LAB. NO. 11222039 D QJ

Re: UNSUB, aka

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: Memphis

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference: Airtel dated December 17, 1981

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

MEMPHIS 9A-2218 ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A);

OO: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DATED DECEMBER 24,
1981; AND SEATTLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS, DATED
DECEMBER 31, 1981.

INVESTIGATION BY SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AT BUTTE, MONTANA.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE LATENT
PRINTS FOUND ON THE PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED LETTER AND ENVELOPE TO



AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
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☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
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Date 1/13/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

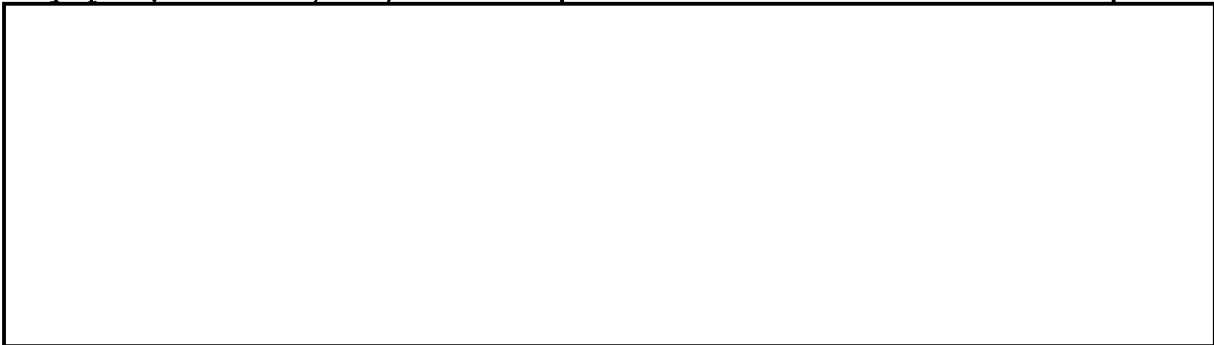
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (9A-2010) (RUC)

UNSUB, aka, *9A-2218*

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
 EXTORTION (A);
 OO: MEMPHIS

Reference Seattle teletype to Memphis, dated December 24, 1981; Seattle teletype to Memphis and Bureau, December 31, 1981; and Seattle teletype to Memphis and Bureau, January 13, 1982.

On January 4, 1982, [redacted]
 [redacted] State of Washington Department of Adult Corrections,
 Olympia, Washington, advised [redacted]



On January 5, 1982, [redacted] Records Clerk,
 Health Information Services, Western State Hospital, Tacoma,
 telephonically advised that [redacted]

[redacted] No other record was available, and there
 was no other identifying data regarding [redacted]

On January 5, 1982, [redacted] State of Wash-
 ington, Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, Olympia, Washington,

2 - Bureau
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Date 1/25/82

FM MEMPHIS (9A-2218) (P)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE 06262

SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200) ROUTINE 06142

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UNCLAS E F T O

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

OO: ME.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DEC. 14, 1981.

ON JAN. 25, 1982, SA [REDACTED], U. S. SECRET SERVICE,
 NASHVILLE, TENN., FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON JAN. 18, 1982, AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TOLD SOMEONE AT THE HARMONY HOUSE CENTER, "I THINK
 REAGAN SHOULD BE OUT OF OFFICE AND I MAY GO DOWN TO WASHINGTON
 MYSELF." [REDACTED] WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 30 TO 35 YEARS
 OF AGE, 5 FEET 10 INCHES, 170 POUNDS. THE U. S. SECRET SERVICE,

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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, IS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION, WILL CONTACT LOCAL OFFICE U. S. SECRET
SERVICE AND ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE

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TO MEMPHIS (9A-2218) ROUTINE

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UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO: ME.

RE ME TELETYPE TO SI, JAN 26, 1982.

ON JAN 22, 1982, [REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE, SPRINGFIELD, IL, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHAMPAIGN, IL. RA AND ADVISED HIS OFFICE REC'D TELCAL FROM [REDACTED] VERMILION COUNTY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, 522 E MAIN, DANVILLE, IL, WHO ADVISED THEIR FACILITY HAD RECENTLY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FURTHER INFORMED THAT [REDACTED] WAS OVERHEARD MAKING STATEMENT THAT REAGAN SHOULD BE OUT OF OFFICE AND THAT HE [REDACTED] MAY GO TO WASHINGTON.

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ON JAN 25, 1982, [REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED THEIR FACILITY REC'D [REDACTED] FROM THE SALVATION ARMY, DANVILLE, IL, ON NOV 6, 1981, AND THAT [REDACTED]

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Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

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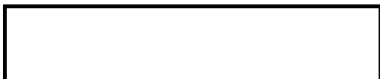
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2218 (P)
FBI FILE NO. 9-66412
LATENT CASE NO. C-7190

February 23, 1982

TO: SAC, Memphis

RE:



JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Memphis, Seattle and Springfield
SPECIMENS: Q1, envelope

Memphis airtel 12/17/81 and teletype 12/29/81,
Seattle teletypes 1/1/82 and 1/14/82, and
Springfield teletype 1/4/82

Q2 through Q4, three-page letter

The Q items are further described in a separate
Laboratory report.

Sixty-two latent fingerprints of value were
developed on Q1 through Q4.

The latent fingerprints are not the fingerprints of



The specimens are enclosed.

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- 1 - Springfield (9A-2200) (P)
- 1 - Seattle (9A-2010)

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TO DIRECTOR (ROUTINE)

MEMPHIS (9A-2218) ROUTINE

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"CHANGED."

JOHN R. CASH -

VICTIM: EXTORTION; OO: ME.

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TITLE MARKED "CHANGED" TO REFLECT SUBJECT'S IDENTITY AND FULL NAME. TITLE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM: EXTORTION; OO: ME.

RE ME TEL TO BU, DEC 13, 1981; SI TEL TO ME, JAN 26, 1982.

ON MAR 19, 1982, [REDACTED] U.S. SECRET SERVICE (USSS), SPRINGFIELD, IL, ADVISED (X) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO OTHER DETAILS

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AVAILABLE AT SI DIVISION.

USSS, LAS VEGAS, HAS DETAILS RE [REDACTED]

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SI DIVISION FORWARDING DATA RE INVESTIGATION AT FAIRFIELD, IL,
UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

LEADS RE INTERVIEW OF SHOULD BE DIRECTED LV DIVISION BY

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Date 4/1/82

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FM MEMPHIS (9-2218) (P)

TO LAS VEGAS ROUTINE ✓ 19352

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UNCLAS E F T O

[REDACTED] AKA; JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM. EXTORTION. OO: ME

FOR INFO LAS VEGAS, ON DECEMBER 14, 1981, COUNTRY MUSIC
 ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH, HENDERSONVILLE, TENN., RECEIVED A LENGTHY,
 RAMBLING LETTER CONTAINING A THREAT TO KILL CASH AND ALSO
 INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS RE PRESIDENT REAGAN. U.S. SECRET SERVICE
 HAS ADVISED THAT SUBJECT [REDACTED]

CASE ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPARENTLY, U.S.S.S. IS CLOSING THEIR
 LAS VEGAS IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT U.S.S.S. [REDACTED]

IN ORDER FOR MEMPHIS TO PRESENT TO USA.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On February 16, 1982, Thomas R. Cannon, Jr., Sheriff, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Fairfield, Illinois, advised that a review of his department records regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reveals no identifiable information. Cannon advised that there is not an address of [REDACTED] in Wayne County, Illinois.

On February 16, 1982, Murrel E. Day, Chief of Police, Fairfield, Illinois Police Department, advised that a review of his department records regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and street address of [REDACTED] reveals no identifiable information. Day advised that there is not an address of [REDACTED].

On February 22, 1982, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Mt. Vernon, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, advised that a review of her department records regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reveals no identifiable information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (9A-2218)

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200) (RUC)

DATE: 3/30/82

SUBJECT: 910

[REDACTED]
JOHN R. CASH-VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: Memphis

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau and Memphis
dated 3/19/82.

Enclosed for Memphis are the original and one copy
of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted
by Special Agent [REDACTED] on 2/16/82 and 2/22/82.

On 3/22/82 [REDACTED] US Secret Service (USSS),
Springfield, Illinois, advised he had received additional
information concerning the subject. This information is as
follows:

Subject is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[REDACTED]
Height:	[REDACTED]
Weight:	[REDACTED]
Hair:	[REDACTED]
Eyes:	[REDACTED]
SSAN:	[REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] the subject walked into the USSS
Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, on 3/18/82. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

No further investigation is being conducted by the
Springfield Division and this matter is being placed in RUC
status.

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TO MEMPHIS (9-2218) (ROUTINE)

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CHANGED, [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH -

VICTIM; EXTORTION, OO: MEMPHIS.

TITLE MARKED "CHANGED" TO ADD ALIAS OF SUBJECT. TITLE
FORMERLY CARRIED AS [REDACTED] AKA; JOHN R. CASH -
VICTIM; EXTORTION, OO: MEMPHIS."

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO LAS VEGAS, APRIL 1, 1982.

[REDACTED] UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON APRIL 5, 1982. THE SUBJECT APPEARED
AT THE LAS VEGAS OFFICE OF THE SECRET SERVICE ON MARCH 18, 1982,
AND EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE PRESIDENT. [REDACTED] AFTER
INTERVIEWING, [REDACTED]

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THE SUBJECT IS ANGRY AT JOHNNY CASH AS HE THINKS HE HAS
STOLEN MATERIAL FROM HIM. HOWEVER, DURING THE INTERVIEW, HE
DISPLAYED NO THREATS TO ANYONE, INCLUDING CASH.

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THE SECRET SERVICE HAS FURTHER BACKGROUND AND IDENTIFYING
DATA CONCERNING THE SUBJECT IN CASE IT IS REQUESTED BY MEMPHIS.

BT

Memorandum



To : SAC, MEMPHIS (9A-2218)

Date 4/9/82

From : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (9A-2200) (RUC)

☒ RUC

Subject :

☐ File Destruction Program

(Title)
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: Memphis

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Enclosed are 1 items.
These items are forwarded your office since:

☒ All logical investigation completed in this Division☒ You were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:

1. Credit/arrest checks, Fairfield, Illinois - 1A1.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 9A-2218

841 Clifford Davis Federal Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
April 14, 1982

Honorable Joe B. Brown
United States Attorney
879 U. S. Courthouse
Nashville, Tennessee

Re:

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

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Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter confirms the conversation between Special Agent [redacted], Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Nashville, Tennessee and you on April 7, 1982. Special Agent [redacted] advised you as follows:

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On December 14, 1981 the place of business of country music entertainer Johnny Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee received a lengthy rambling letter containing a threat to kill Cash. The letter was signed by [redacted] and the envelope was postmarked Champaign, Illinois. In the margin of one of the pages of the letter was contained another statement containing a derogatory statement about the President, Ronald Reagan.

Investigation concerning [redacted] was conducted both by the FBI and United States Secret Service.

On March 18, 1982 [redacted] appeared at the office of the U. S. Secret Service, Las Vegas, Nevada, and expressed an interest in the president. He was interviewed by U. S. Secret Service Agent [redacted] after interviewing, believed [redacted]

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[redacted] Thereafter, [redacted] again appeared at the U. S. Secret Service office. At that time, [redacted] stated he was going to Canada because he did not like the way he was being treated in this country.

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[redacted]
[redacted]
During interview [redacted] was angry at Johnny Cash because he believed Cash had stolen material from him, however, he displayed no threats to anyone including Cash.

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After discussing the facts of this matter with Special Agent [redacted] you concluded that successful prosecution in this matter will be prohibited [redacted]
[redacted] Therefore, no further investigation is being conducted by the FBI in this matter.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. BEAVERS
Special Agent in Charge

By:

[redacted]
Supervisory Special Agent

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Memorandum

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Date: 4/14/82

From: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9A-2218) (6)

Subject: CHANGED

[REDACTED]
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO: ME

Title is marked changed and previously carried as
UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION
OO: ME.

Re Memphis letter to FBIHQ dated 12/14/81.

For the information of the Bureau, subject appeared at the Las Vegas office of the Secret Service on March 18, 1982 and expressed an interest in the president. The interviewing Secret Service Agent believed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Secret Service further determined that [REDACTED]

Based upon observations by the Secret Service Agent in Las Vegas, U. S. Attorney, Joe B. Brown, Nashville, Tennessee declined prosecution of subject. Mr. Brown's opinion was confirmed by separate communication.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Memphis Division of the FBI nor is the U. S. Secret Service conducting any further investigation in this matter.

DATE FILE STRIPPED 12/18/87
INITIALS [REDACTED]
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Date Received

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From

[Redacted]

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

House of Cash

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By

[Redacted]

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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00 and File No. ME 9A-2218-1A2
Date Received 2/16/82
From Credit/Arrest Checks
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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Receipt Given ☐ Yes
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OO and File No. Memphis 9A-2218

Date Received 12/23/81

From [Redacted]

[Redacted]

By [Redacted]

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 12/4/70

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

(OO Memphis)

VICTIM;

701208044

Re Memphis letter to the Bureau dated 12/2/70.

Title is marked changed to reflect the addition of JOHNNY CASH as a victim in instant matter, in view of receipt of enclosed letter.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original letter and envelope of extortion letter postmarked Smyrna, Tenn., 11/27/70, and one Xerox copy each of the aforementioned.

Attorney, Nashville, Tenn., made available the enclosed letter and envelope which were received by the JOHNNY CASH organization in Nashville, Tenn.

For the information of the Bureau, JOHNNY CASH is a nationally known television star who receives "stacks" of mail each day. In his organization are members who open the mail, and this letter was found on opening the mail sometime following 11/27/70 (Friday) and was turned over to [redacted] who is the attorney for JOHNNY CASH.

The handwriting on both the envelope and letter appears identical with that in the letters received by [redacted]

In addition, it should be noted that on the top of the one page letter to JOHNNY CASH there are the remains of two sheets of paper. On the upper right-hand corner there are the remains of a sheet of paper which apparently corresponds to one of the sheets of paper which

② - Bureau (Encs. 4) (RM)

2 - Memphis

JER:mnr

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ENCLOSURE

ENCL. BEHIND FILE

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

COPY & SPECIMENS RETURNED TO FBI
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was received by [] in his last extortion letter. The portion of the remaining page on the left upper portion of the CASH letter is also the remains from a sheet of paper from the [] letter and it contains the top of a "T" which appears on the [] letter as "take."

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handprinting on enclosed letter and envelope with the previous extortion letters submitted in the [] case and with the known handprinting of subject.

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Will examine enclosed specimens for water marks and indented writing in an effort to identify the source.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process letter and envelope for latent fingerprints and compare any developed latents with fingerprints of subject previously submitted.

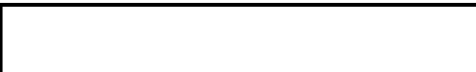
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re:



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JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO: Memphis

Examination requested by: **Memphis (9-1596) L. 12/4/70**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

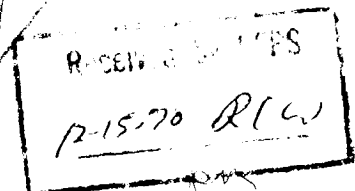
Date received: **12/8/70**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Lilja**

Q13 - 916 to be returned by LAPS
Q13 - 916 examined in LAPS
Q1 returned 12/18/70 JMB

Specimens submitted for examination



Q13 Envelope postmarked "SMYRNA, TN NOV27 PM 1970 37167," bearing hand printed address "Johnny Cash Caudill Estates Hendersonville"

Q14 ^{Small} Portion of ^{ten sheet of} paper attached to the top of Q16

Q15 ^{Small portion of ten sheet of paper attached to the top of} Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning

Q16 "Cash If you want to keep making . . ."

Negatives & Photos attached

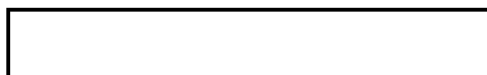
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re:



- VICTIM;

File #

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Lab. #

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JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;

EXTORTION

OO: Memphis

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Examination requested by: Memphis (9-1596) L. 12/4/70

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received:

12/8/70

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Lilja

12/14/70

(SEE D-701207122)

Specimens submitted for examination

Q13 Envelope postmarked "SMYRNA, TN NOV27 PM 1970
37167," bearing hand printed address "Johnny Cash
Caudill Estates Hendersonville"

Q14 *small* Portion of *torn sheet of* paper attached to the
top of Q16

Q15 *Small portion of torn sheet of paper attached to the top of Q16*
Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning

Q16 "Cash If you want to keep making . . ."

	length	width	thickness	
Q13	3.60	6.44	.0041	- NO watermark or indent. writing stamp came from sheet linen type finish

Q14 & Q15 - Has bits of red adhesive on top edge - linen type finish

	length	width	thickness	
Q16	8.94	5.98	.0037	- NO watermark or indent. writing linen type finish

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that specimens Q1 through Q13 and Q16 in this case, in addition to specimens Q1 through Q6 in the [redacted] extortion case, were prepared by [redacted] K1.

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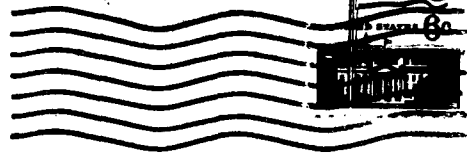
It was further concluded that the torn edge of specimen Q15 matches the torn edge of specimen Q12 and that the torn edge of specimen Q14 matches the torn edge of specimen Q11.

No conclusion was reached as to whether the sheets of paper, Q11, Q12 and Q16 originated from specimen K3, because there are not enough significant characteristics to warrant an opinion. However, both the questioned and known specimens have the same physical measurements.

No conclusion was reached as to whether the envelopes, Q10 and Q13, originated from the same source as the envelopes comprising specimen K2, because there are not enough significant characteristics to warrant an opinion. However, both the questioned and known specimens have the same physical measurements.

No indented writing of value was found on the submitted specimens.

Specimens Q10 through Q16 and K1 through K3 are being returned separately. Photographic copies of specimens Q10 through Q16 and K1 are retained in the files of the Bureau.



Johnny Cash
Caudill Estates
Hendersonville

9-51966 Q13 HE





Cash

If you want to
Keep making money &
Keep your family
healthy, Drop

200,000.00 in old
small bills in a
plastic garbage bag
at Old Hickory Blvd
Exit on Interstate 24
at top of exit
Friday Night 6:00
o'clock

FILE#

9-51964

DATE _____

EXAMINER

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Q# 914

K#

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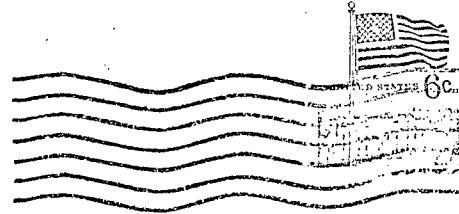
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Cash

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Keep making money
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healthy, Drop

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EVIDENCE EVIDENCE



Johnny Cash
Caudill Estates
Hendersonville

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

NR001 ME PLAIN

325 PM URGENT 12/5/70 SDC

TO: DIRECTOR (9-51966)

FROM: MEMPHIS (9-1596) (2P)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan	CD
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Wrenn	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

CHANGED. [REDACTED] JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM;

EXTORTION. OO ME.

TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT ADDITION OF VICTIM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THIS CASE. NAME OF VICTIM JOHNNY CASH ADDED TO
TITLE BY MEMPHIS LETTER TO BUREAU DECEMBER FOUR WHICH IS EN ROUTE
TO BUREAU BY REGISTERED MAIL FORWARDING ADDITIONAL EXTORTION LETTER
ADDRESSED TO TV ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH. FOR SAKE OF CLARITY, MEMPHIS
CASE ORIGINALLY CAPTIONED "UNSUB; [REDACTED] DASH
VICTIM, BUFILE NINE DASH FIVE TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO, BEING CONSOLI-
DATED INTO CAPTIONED CASE, BUFILE NINE DASH FIVE ONE NINE SIX SIX.
MEMPHIS REPORT OF SA JOHN E. RODGERS DATED DECEMBER THREE REFLECTS
DEVELOPMENTS IN CAPTIONED CASE THROUGH DECEMBER ONE, IT BEING NOTED
THAT SUBJECT [REDACTED] ARRESTED NOVEMBER THIRTY BASED ON COMPLAINT FILED
THAT DAY CHARGING HIM WITH EXTORTION INVOLVING LETTER TO VICTIM

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[] USC AT NASHVILLE HAVING SET BOND AT FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. ON DECEMBER FOUR SUBJECT [] APPEARED BEFORE USC, NASHVILLE, WITH ATTORNEY FOR BOND REDUCTION HEARING AT WHICH HEARING USC REDUCED BOND ON ORIGINAL COMPLAINT TO TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. AT THIS HEARING AUSA IRA PARKER ANNOUNCED TO USC HE WAS AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF ADDITIONAL COMPLAINT CHARGING SUBJECT WITH EXTORTION WITH REGARD TO LETTERS RECEIVED BY VICTIM [] AND VICTIM CASH AND THEREAFTER A COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY SA JOHN E. RODGERS BEFORE USC A. B. NEIL, JR., CHARGING THE SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION SECTION EIGHT SEVEN SIX, TITLE EIGHTEEN USC, INVOLVING THE LETTERS TO VICTIMS [] AND CASH. ON THIS LATTER COMPLAINT USC SET BOND OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS REMANDING SUBJECT TO CUSTODY OF USM, NASHVILLE, IN LIEU OF THIS BOND, THUS MAKING THE TOTAL BOND NOW SET FOR SUBJECT FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. SUBJECT HAS DEMANDED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION ^HWICH WILL BE AFFORDED HIM ONE THIRTY PM, DECEMBER EIGHT. P. END.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 8 1970

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

NR008 ME PLAIN

9:07PM NITEL 12-8-70 DBC

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MEMPHIS (IP)

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[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
EXTORTION. ME FILE NINE - ONE FIVE NINE SIX. OO MEMPHIS.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
EXTORTION. ME FILE NINE - ONE FIVE NINE SEVEN. OO MEMPHIS.

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[REDACTED] JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION.
ME FILE NINE - ONE SIX ZERO FOUR. OO MEMPHIS.

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PRELIMINARY HEARING HELD BY USC A. B. NEIL JR.,
NASHVILLE, TENN., DEC. EIGHT INSTANT, AND PROBABLE CAUSE
FOUND. SUBJECT BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY. SUBJECT REMAINED
IN FEDERAL SECTION METRO JAIL, NASHVILLE, IN LIEU OF
FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND. P.

END.

REC 85 9-51966-24

~~CORR: SUBJECT REMAINED IN FEDERAL SECTION METRO JAIL, NASHVILLE,
IN LIEU OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND.~~

END.

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The Attorney General

December 8, 1970

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Rosen

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EXTORTION

- VICTIM

Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 1, 1970, which advised you that subject [] was arrested on November 30, 1970, by FBI Agents at Nashville, Tennessee, in connection with an attempt to extort \$200,000 from [] of the Commerce Union Bank, Nashville, Tennessee.

I thought you would be interested in knowing that on December 4, 1970, [] was additionally charged with attempting to extort \$200,000 from country-western singer and television star Johnny Cash and \$100,000 from [], a prominent businessman in Nashville, Tennessee.

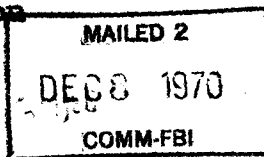
Subject is now in custody of the U. S. Marshal, Nashville, Tennessee, in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

This is submitted for your information.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General REC 70

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

HGR:ms
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NOTE: See Memphis teletype 12-7-70 with General Investigative Division note 12-7-70, HGR:amm.

Tolson _____
Sullivan _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Brennan, C.D. _____
Callahan _____
Casper _____
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Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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MAIL ROOM [] TELETYPE UNIT []

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 12/10/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/2-4/70
TITLE OF CASE JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN E. RODGERS	TYPED BY b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCES:

Memphis letter to Bureau, 12/4/70.
 Memphis teletype to Bureau, 12/5/70.
 Memphis teletype to Bureau, 12/7/70.

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LEADS:MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE Will follow and report
 prosecutive action.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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APPROVED					SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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① - Bureau 1 - USA, Nashville 2 - Memphis (9-1604)					9-51966-26 12 DEC 14 1970 REC-52 EX-113		
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Nashville, Tennessee

Report of: SA JOHN E. RODGERS
Date: December 10, 1970

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File #: Memphis 9-1604

Bureau File #:

Title: [REDACTED]
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: [REDACTED] attorney for JOHNNY CASH, furnished a letter addressed to JOHNNY CASH, Caudill Estates, Hendersonville, postmarked Smyrna, Tenn., 11/27/70, PM, containing a one-page letter wherein a demand was made for \$200,000 and a threat was made on the family of JOHNNY CASH. The top of this one-page letter contained portion of pages previously ripped from a pad of paper, and these portions matched the two sheets of paper in the last [REDACTED] letter, including a part of a letter "T." At a bond hearing on 12/4/70 wherein subject was charged with extorting one [REDACTED] and bond had been set at \$50,000, the bond was reduced to \$25,000 by the U. S. Commissioner, and at this point AUSA IRA PARKER, Nashville, advised the Commissioner he was authorizing a complaint charging subject with extortion in the mailing of letters to [REDACTED] and JOHNNY CASH. An authorized complaint was filed by SA JOHN E. RODGERS before USC A. B. NEIL, JR., charging subject with extortion, Title 18, Section 876, USC, and warrant issued. Bond set at \$25,000. Subject remanded to custody of USM, Nashville, and incarcerated Federal Section, Metro Jail, Nashville, in lieu of bond.

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/4/70

[redacted] Attorney, 715 Stahlman Building, Nashville, Tennessee, made available an envelope postmarked November 27, 1970 at Smyrna, Tennessee, addressed to "Johnny Cash, Caudill Estates, Hendersonville." He also made available a letter contained in the envelope which reads as follows:

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"Cash

"If you want to keep making money & keep your family healthy, drop 200,000.00 in old small bills in a plastic garbage bag at Old Hickory Blvd Exit on Interstate 24 at top of exit Friday night 6:00 Oclock"

He stated that his client JOHNNY CASH, Country Music Singer and Television Personality, received the above letter on December 2, 1970 with his mail delivered at Hendersonville, Tennessee. His client receives in excess of 1,000 letters per day, some of which is "nut mail," however, he read in the Nashville newspapers that the FBI recently arrested a man charged with extortion and thought this letter may have some connection with this case.

On 12/2/70 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 9-1604

by SA [redacted] and
SA [redacted] LHM/bb 2 Date dictated 12/3/70

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/4/70

Mr. JOHN R. CASH, whose stage name is JOHNNY CASH, Caudill Drive, Hendersonville, Tennessee, advised all his mail is received through the Hendersonville, Tennessee Post Office. The mail is picked up every morning at the Hendersonville Post Office and transported to his office. House of Cash, which is managed by his sister, [REDACTED]

On December 2, 1970, his sister, [REDACTED] opened up a letter addressed to him which demanded \$200,000.00 or threatened harm to his family.

He himself has touched the envelope and letter as well as his sister [REDACTED] his wife, JUNE CARTER CASH and his sister [REDACTED]

The following is a description of him obtained through observation and interview:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of birth:	February 26, 1932
Place of birth:	Kingsland, Arkansas
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	220 lbs.
Complexion:	Medium
Build:	Large

He himself has a personal bodyguard and his family is afforded adequate protection at all times. He plans to leave Nashville, Tennessee for an engagement at New York City on December 4, 1970, together with his wife, JUNE, therefore he does not anticipate being in Nashville, Tennessee at the time when the \$200,000.00 is demanded.

On 12/2/70 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 9-1604
by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] IMM/bb 3 Date dictated 12/3/70

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/4/70

[redacted] Manager, House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee, advised she is the sister of television personality JOHNNY CASH and manages his office located at Hendersonville, Tennessee.

On a daily basis, mail for CASH, which exceeds 1,000 letters a day, is picked up at the Hendersonville Post Office and transported to the House of Cash. There she and her sister, [redacted] open each piece of mail with an electric opener.

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On December 2, 1970, her sister, [redacted] opened a letter addressed to JOHNNY CASH postmarked at Smyrna Tennessee, which contained a demand for \$200,000.00 or threatened injury to CASH's family. Her sister, [redacted] immediately handed the letter to her and she in turn called Attorney [redacted] who is CASH's attorney. The envelope and letter were thereafter furnished to Attorney [redacted] who informed her that he would contact the FBI.

She and her sister, have been running approximately one day late on opening mail addressed to JOHNNY CASH and therefore the possibility exists that the letter was, in fact, received at the House of Cash on December 1, 1970.

On 12/2/70 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 9-1604
by SA [redacted] and
SA [redacted] LMM/bb 4 Date dictated 12/3/70

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/4/70

[redacted] inmate, Metropolitan Jail, Nashville, Tennessee, after having read and signed a statement of his rights and waiver, advised that on Monday, November 30, 1970, he was in the Charlotte Park Square Shopping Center located on Charlotte Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that he was there for the purpose of buying a newspaper. He advised that thereafter he drove on River Road. He stated he had no specific purpose in his driving around but that he was merely trying to clear his mind and decide what he was going to do in the future and also he had in the back of his mind that he would like to find a small tract of land which he might consider purchasing.

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[redacted] stated his 1962 Ford has no exhaust system in that the mufflers were bad and he took them off and had not replaced same. He stated that also the shocks on this car were in need of repair.

[redacted] denied stopping on the old section of Old Hickory Boulevard at any time, to his recollection, and emphatically denied having written letters in instant case.

On 12/3/70 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 9-1604

by SA [redacted] JER:jlg 5 Date dictated 12/3/70

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On Wednesday, December 4, 1970, a U. S. Commissioner's hearing was held in Nashville, Tennessee, on a motion of the defense attorney for subject for bond reduction, wherein the subject was charged with extortion in regard to letters forwarded to [redacted] (Memphis 9-1596). The U. S. Commissioner reduced subject's bond to \$25,000. At this point, Assistant U. S. Attorney IRA PARKER, Nashville, advised the Commissioner that he was authorizing a complaint charging subject with extortion in the mailing of letters to [redacted] [redacted] and JOHNNY CASH.

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An authorized complaint was filed by Special Agent JOHN E. RODGERS before U. S. Commissioner A. B. NEIL, JR., charging subject with extortion, Title 18, Section 876, and a warrant was issued. Bond was set at \$25,000. Subject was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal, Nashville, Tennessee, and incarcerated in the Federal Section of the Metropolitan Jail, Nashville, in lieu of bond.

December 7, 1970

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached concerns an attempt to extort \$200,000 from Country Western Singer and Television Star Johnny Cash.

Subject has been identified as [redacted]

[redacted] who was arrested by Bureau Agents in Nashville, Tennessee, on 11/30/70, in connection with an attempt to extort \$200,000 from

[redacted] of the Commerce Union Bank, Nashville, Tennessee. Subject also attempted to extort \$100,000 from [redacted] of a crush stone company in Nashville, Tennessee.

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There was no previous record of subject in Bureau files and the Attorney General has been previously advised of the arrest of the subject.

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9:54AM URGENT 12-7-70 DBC

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MEMPHIS (9-NEW) (2P)

[REDACTED] JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM. EXTORTION.

SUBJECT ARRESTED NASHVILLE, TENN., NOV. THIRTY LAST FOR
EXTORTION IN THE [REDACTED] CASE, MEMPHIS FILE NINE DASH ONE
FIVE NINE SIX.

ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. TWO, LAST, [REDACTED] ATTORNEY FOR
JOHNNY CASH, CONTACTED OFFICE OF FBI, NASHVILLE, AND ADVISED
CASH HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SUBJECT. ENVELOPE ADRESSED TO
JOHNNY CASH, CAUDILL ESTATE, HENDERSONVILLE, POSTMARKED
SMYRNA, TENN., NOV. TWENTY SEVEN LAST, P.M., CONTAINING ONE-
PAGE LETTER WHICH READ QUOTE CASH, IF YOU WANT TO KEEP MAKING
MONEY AND KEEP YOUR FAMILY HEALTHY, DROP THE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS IN OLD SMALL BILLS IN A PLASTIC GARBAGE BAG AT OLD
HICKORY BOULEVARD EXIT ON INTERSTATE TWENTY FOUR AT TOP OF
EXIT FRIDAY NIGHT SIX O'CLOCK UNQUOTE.

TOP OF CASH ONE-PAGE LETTER CONTAINED PORTIONS OF PAGES
PREVIOUSLY RIPPED FROM PAD OF PAPER. THESE PORTIONS MATCHED

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THE TWO SHEETS OF PAPER IN THE LAST [] LETTER INCLUDING
A PART OF A LETTER ~~QUOTE " I UNQUOTE.~~

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CASH LETTER WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF FBI AS RESULT
OF PUBLICITY RELATING TO SUBJECT'S ARREST AND FACT SUBJECT
LIVED IN SMYRNA, TENN., AND CASH LETTER POSTMARKED SMYRNA,
TENN.

United States Commissioner

ON DEC. FOUR LAST, ~~USC~~ HELD HEARING NASHVILLE, TENN.,
ON MOTION OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR SUBJECT FOR BOND REDUCTION.
COMMISSIONER ^{*Assistant United States Attorney*} REDUCED SUBJECT'S BOND TO TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS. AT THIS POINT, AUSA IRA PARKER ADVISED COMMISSIONER
HE WAS AUTHORIZING A COMPLAINT CHARGING SUBJECT WITH EXTORTION
IN THE MAILING OF THE [] AND CASH LETTERS.

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AN AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY SA JOHN E. RODGERS
United States Commissioner
BEFORE ~~USC~~ A. B. NEIL, JR., CHARGING SUBJECT WITH EXTORTION,
TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION EIGHT SEVEN SIX, AND WARRANT ISSUED.
BOND SET AT TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. SUBJECT REMANDED
Det. U. S. Marshal
CUSTODY OF ~~USM~~, NASHVILLE, AND INCARCERATED FEDERAL SECTION,
METRO JAIL, IN LIEU OF BOND. P. END.

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TELETYPE

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION

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IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE EXTORTION LETTER RECEIVED BY
JOHNNY CASH WAS PREPARED BY [REDACTED] WHOSE KNOWN HAND
PRINTING WAS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY YOUR OFFICE.

LABORATORY REPORT FOLLOWS. LATENT EXAMINATION SEPARATE.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO SAC MEMPHIS (9-1596)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (9-51966)

- VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

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OF THE EXTORTION LETTERS RECEIVED BY
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YOU WITH LETTER DATED DECEMBER TWO LAST. JOHNNY CASH
EXTORTION LETTER NOT YET RECEIVED IN LABORATORY. LABORATORY
REPORT FOLLOWS. LATENT EXAM SEPARATE.

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- Holmes
- Gandy

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Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Walters _____
Mr. Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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338 PM URGENT 12/5/70 SDC

TOC DIRECTOR (9-51966) ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: MEMPHIS (9-1596) 1P

[REDACTED] JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; EXTORTION. OO ME. [REDACTED]

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER FOUR AND MEMPHIS LETTER TO
BUREAU DECEMBER FOUR FORWARDING ADDITIONAL EXTORTION LETTER RECEIVED
BY ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH, NASHVILLE, TENN. REFERENCED MEMPHIS
LETTER FORWARDING ADDITIONAL EXTORTION LETTER ADDRESSED TO VICTIM
CASH SHOULD BE RECEIVED AT BUREAU DECEMBER SEVEN. NOTE FROM MEMPHIS
TEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER FOUR THAT LABORATORY REQUESTED TO SUTEL MEMPHIS
RESULTS OF COMPARISON OF SUBJECTS HANDWRITING AND EXTORTION LETTERS
THIS CASE SO THESE FINDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO USA AT PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION ONE THIRTY PM, DECEMBER EIGHT. LABORATORY NOW REQUESTED,
IF POSSIBLE, TO INCLUDE ITS FINDINGS WITH REGARD TO THE JOHNNY CASH
EXTORTION LETTER. P. END.

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Date: 12-1-70

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (67-271)

SA JOHN E. RODGERS
RECOMMENDATION FOR INCENTIVE AWARD

AGENT COMMENDATION MATTER - MEMPHIS DIVISION

RE: [REDACTED] - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: MEMPHIS
Memphis File 9-1596
Bufile 9-51966

Captioned Agent is the case agent on two pending Extortion matters which have been very successfully concluded except for the trial. Although [REDACTED] has been charged only with his efforts to extort \$200,000 from [REDACTED] it would certainly appear that the U. S. Attorney will authorize charging him with the letters he wrote to [REDACTED] Bufile 9-52000, and efforts in this direction will be aggressively pursued.

Recommendations enclosed.

2 BUREAU (ENC. 2) (AM)
1 MEMPHIS
JLS:BN
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Approved: [Signature] 12-4-70
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Nashville, Tennessee

Report of: SA JOHN E. RODGERS
Date: December 10, 1970

Office: Memphis

Field Office File #: 9-1597

Bureau File #: 9-51966-34
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Title:

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: [REDACTED] received 3 extortion letters wherein \$100,000 was demanded and a threat was made on the life of [REDACTED] and his family. A payoff was scheduled and numerous license numbers were obtained at the scene of the payoff. The Laboratory has identified the hand printing in the [REDACTED] letters as being prepared by the same person who prepared the letters in the [REDACTED] extortion case. Authorized complaint was filed before USC A. B. NEIL, JR., Nashville, by SA JOHN E. RODGERS charging subject with violation Title 18, USC, Section 876, and a warrant was issued. Subject was brought before USC NEIL and bond set at \$25,000 and subject was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal in lieu of bond.

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/17/70

[redacted]
home residence [redacted]
residence telephone [redacted] was interviewed at her
residence and supplied the following information:

[redacted] advised that she was at her residence on November 6, 1970, a Friday, and that as usual an employee of her husband, named [redacted] proceeded to the mailbox located in the front portion of their estate and picked up the mail at approximately 11:00 A.M., shortly after it was delivered.

[redacted] advised that at approximately 2:00 P.M. she began opening some of the mail and noted that there was a letter addressed to [redacted] NASHVILLE, TENN". [redacted] advised that this letter was postmarked Nashville, Tennessee, in AM hours, and postmarked November 3, 1970, and the postage stamp postmark area contained the number and letter 2B. [redacted] also indicated that stamped on the envelope was a stamp imprint message to the effect, "Please notify your correspondent that your delivery post office is Antioch, Tennessee, 37013". Also contained on the letter, [redacted] stated, was the numbers 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, and 1705 which would be the post office box numbers of her husband's business, Hoover, Inc., Crush Stone, Donelson Pike, Donelson, Tennessee.

[redacted] advised that she opened the letter and contained on a five-hole notebook type paper was the following message: [redacted] \$100,000.00 GET IT TOGETHER SMALL UNMARKED BILLS WILL SAVE SOMEONE VERY CLOSE TO YOU FROM ME I'LL CALL YOU"

[redacted] advised that the letter was not signed and noted that there was no return address on either the letter or the envelope which contained the letter.

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by SA [redacted] RAM:jlj Date dictated 11/12/70

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[] advised that she did not discuss this letter with anyone, however, another employee of her husband, at her residence, [] was displayed the letter and he may possibly have handled the letter itself.

[] advised that mail is picked up at her residence on a daily basis and that she has been receiving mail each day from November 2 - 6, 1970.

[] advised that to her knowledge, no person has made any threats against she or her family and that she has no idea who may be responsible for preparing and sending the letter she received.

[] made available the letter and envelope which will be retained for evidentiary purposes.

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Date 11/16/70

[redacted] home residence
[redacted] residence tele-
phone [redacted] of Hoover, Inc., Crushed Stone,
Donelson Pike, Donelson, Tennessee, telephone 889-2400,
was interviewed at his residence and supplied the
following information:

[redacted] indicated that he worked at his place
of employment as usual on November 6, 1970, a Friday.
[redacted] stated that at approximately 4:30 p.m., on that
date he was in his office of Hoover, Inc., Crushed Stone
on Donelson Pike in Donelson, Tennessee, and had occasion
to open mail which was addressed to his place of business.
[redacted] recalls that he opened a letter which was addressed
to [redacted] Nashville. [redacted] indicated
that it is customary that mail addressed to him at his
residence frequently is forwarded to his place of business
and opened the letter which had no return address. The
letter read as follows:

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[redacted]
"You got money. Keep it and raedy. I'll contact."

[redacted] advised that the letter was not signed and
was in mostly capital letters as well as the heading which
was on the letter. [redacted] indicated that the letter was
postmarked Nashville, Tennessee, on the p.m., hours and
was postmarked November 4, 1970, and the postmark stamp
contained the letter 2B. [redacted] advised that this letter
was received in one of the Post Office Boxes of his business.

[redacted] advised that he did not attach any
significance to this letter until he contacted his wife
at his residence on [redacted] on the same date to
learn that she received a letter which was postmarked
November 3, 1970, which in effect demanded that [redacted] get
together \$100,000 in small unmarked bills and that someone
very close to him would call from the person who wrote the
letter. [redacted] indicated that to his knowledge there have
been no attempts by anyone to contact, harm or abduct any
members of his family which reside in the Nashville, Tennessee,
area and also in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. [redacted] indicated that he

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worked each day from November 2 - 6, 1970, and noted that mail is picked up each day by his employees and all of the mail is generally opened every day. [] indicated he has approximately 500 employees in his business and has no known personnel problems.

[] advised that to his knowledge, the only person who handled the outer portion of the letter in his office was []

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[] indicated that he is described as follows:

Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair

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[] advised that he resides at []
[] in Nashville with his wife []
[] and has four children, []
and he resides in Nashville, Tennessee. [] indicated that
he has a son, [] and a daughter,
[] who are presently attending the
University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and a son,
[] who resides with him.

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[] again stated to his knowledge, no one has made any threats to any of his family.

[] made available the letter and envelope which he received in the mail.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 11/17/70

[redacted] home residence
[redacted] residence tele-
phone [redacted] Hoover, Inc., Crushed Stone,
Donelson Pike, Donelson, Tennessee, was contacted at his
place of business and supplied the following information:

[redacted] advised that in the morning hours of
November 9, 1970, a Monday morning, he was at his place
of business as usual and routinely opened mail in the
morning. [redacted] recalled that at about this time,
[redacted] an employee of his firm was also opening
mail in his presence and noted that he saw [redacted] opening
a letter which was similar to a previous letter he
received from an unknown individual requesting him to
get some money together which was in effect an extortion
letter.

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[redacted] after noting that [redacted] opened this,
immediately told [redacted] to give him the letter which he
did and determined that the letter was addressed to
[redacted] Hoover Stone Co., Donelson Pike, Nashville,
Tenn." [redacted] further stated that the letter, which was
similar to the one he received previously, was postmarked
Nashville, Tennessee, in the p.m., hours dated November 8,
1970, and bore the letter and number 2-B.

[redacted] stated that the envelope of the letter
contained the return address of [redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee."

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[redacted] advised that the letter read as follows:

[redacted]
"If you thought letters were a joke think
again. Unless my demands are met, your young pretty wife
or one of your children might get hurt.

"I want \$100,000.00 small bills in plain grocery
sack dropped on Pergey Priest Dam at exactlly 4:30 Tuesday
afternoon. I will be watching you & have someone watching your
estate & family. Do not attempt to stop me. You have too
much to lose."

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by SA JOHN E. RODGERS
SA [redacted] RAM:tjm Date dictated 11/12/70

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[] advised that he believed that the writing in this letter was similar to a letter from an anonymous individual which he received at his place of business on November 6, 1970, instructing him to get money ready.

[] again advised that he has no idea who may be the individual responsible for the preparation and subsequent sending of the letter to him through the United States Mail System.

[] then made available the envelope and letter containing details as to where he should place \$100,000 at a specified place and time.

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[redacted] home residence [redacted] residence telephone [redacted] was contacted at her residence and supplied the following information:

[redacted] stated that approximately three to four months ago, [redacted] telephonically contacted her and indicated to her that he was interested in some type of business enterprise in Acapulco and [redacted] indicated that he would be interested in some type of loan in the approximate amount of \$100,000. [redacted] advised that she refused his request and advised that although her husband might possibly have ample financial means to make such a loan, she indicated that there was no way that either she or her husband would be able to help him.

[redacted] advised that she had no contact with [redacted] from that time until November 18, 1970, at which time [redacted] again telephonically contacted her and asked again if she would be interested in making some type of loan in the amount of \$100,000 to \$150,000 to finance a fruit-growing enterprise in Acapulco. [redacted] stated again she told [redacted] that she could in no way assist [redacted] or loan him any money.

[redacted] indicated that she has no idea whether or not [redacted] might have possibly been responsible for sending to the [redacted] residence a threatening type letter received on November 6, 1970, requesting that \$100,000 be placed in a specified place and thereafter [redacted] made available the following items which contained known handwriting specimens of [redacted]

- (1) One white envelope with words "To my one and only."
- (2) One [redacted] card signed "All my love [redacted]"
- (3) One photograph bearing word "HIS."

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by SA [redacted] :ca Date dictated 11/24/70

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] did work at one time with the control tower at the Nashville Metropolitan Airport and believes that he is now with some type of dry wall company and is presently residing at [redacted] [redacted] in Nashville, Tennessee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date November 18, 1970

[redacted] Clerk, Title and Registration
Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Nashville, Tennessee,
furnished the following registration information from the
records of that office.

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These license numbers were observed on vehicles
by SA [redacted] on November 10, 1970, in the immediate
vicinity where [redacted] had been
directed to leave the extortion package.

AL 8350

[redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee
1970 Buick
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 482690H264796

DI 3287

[redacted]
LaVergne, Tennessee
1965 Oldsmobile
VIN 384395M122253

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OX 1197

[redacted]
1969 Mercury
VIN 9F91H512770

OX 3182

Ford Motor Company
c/o Binford Motor Company
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
1970 Ford
VIN 0U54H19957

OX 4377

[redacted]
Smyrna, Tennessee
1963 Chevrolet
VIN 31569S175998

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by IC [redacted] ln _____ Date dictated 11/17/70

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Nashville, Tennessee
1963 Chevrolet, Corvette
VIN 30867S112637

RJ 6709



Lavergan, Tennessee
1968 Ford
VIN 8A42S249321

RM 1443



Crossville, Tennessee
1962 Oldsmobile
VIN 622A05738

TI 6834



Tennessee

1962 Buick
VIN 311563367

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11/20/70

Date

During a physical surveillance conducted by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] at the western end of the Percy Priest Dam which is located on Bell Road, the following license plates were noted:

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AF-9962 on a white Valiant automobile
AL-5270 on a green Ford Mustang
AL-4325 on a blue Ford Falcon
RY-8899 on a red Chevrolet convertible
ND-6333 on a gray Pontiac
TA-8868 on a yellow automobile, possibly a General Motors brand

AM-1693 on a red Chevrolet Corvair
DM-4118 on a white Chevrolet
JG-8032 on a gray Chevrolet
Prefix unknown with numbers of 3554 on a blue Chevrolet

AA-1555 on a white top over blue vehicle
JZ-9263 on a gray Chevrolet
AF-9941 on a maroon Ford
AH-8359 on a green Chevrolet
NH-4662 on an Oldsmobile
Wisconsin license 57-725 on a Pontiac
IC-7214 on a blue Chevrolet station wagon
AF-8390 on a Chevrolet station wagon
AF-8674 on a gray Chevrolet
AJ-0389 on a white Buick
TO-5660 on a blue Ford Mustang
AF-7907 on a white station wagon
NE-4577 on a blue Ford
AF-8898 on a Ford automobile
RI-4580
DX-6870 on a red Oldsmobile
AF-9599 on a black over yellow vehicle, possibly Chevrolet

AF-7981
BV-8424 on a Chevrolet
RY-7345

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Memphis 9-1597

by SA [redacted] AHQ:jlj Date dictated 11/16/70

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LF-1681 on a yellow Mustang

AL-7248

AK-4193 on a Volkswagen bus with white top

JH-9048

LM-8307

JK-0917

AM-1061

TL-9370

TS-3148

TI-6907

TA- 7802 (first digit unknown)

The above mentioned license plates were all Tennessee licenses unless otherwise designated. The surveillance took place late afternoon and early evening hours of November 10, 1970.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date November 18, 1970

[redacted] Clerk, Title and Registration Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Nashville, Tennessee, furnished the following information from the records of that office.

These license numbers were observed on vehicles by SA [redacted] on November 10, 1970, in the immediate vicinity where [redacted] had been directed to leave the extortion package.

AA 1555

[redacted]
[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee
1963 Buick
Vehicle Identification Number 456024728

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AD 0335

[redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee
1970 Oldsmobile
Vehicle Identification Number 384570M113338 $\frac{1}{2}$

AF 7907

[redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee
1965 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 5A72C190982

AF 8390

[redacted]
[redacted] Tennessee
1966 Rambler
Vehicle Identification Number A6KS80F100783

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AF 8674

[redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee
1964 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 41669A160378

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by IC [redacted] /ln [redacted] Date dictated 11/17/70

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AF 8898

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1963 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 3U53X152613

AF 9599

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Mercury
Vehicle Identification Number 7H07C540109

AF 9941

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 6A40S257434

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AJ 0389

[REDACTED]
Donelson, Tennessee
1967 Buick
Vehicle Identification Number 466397D141725

AK 4193

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1969 Volkswagen
Vehicle Identification Number 229055668

AL 4325

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1962 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 2A12S165088

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AL 5270

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1963 Cadillac
Vehicle Identification Number 63N050405

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AL 7248

[REDACTED]
Donelson, Tennessee
1968 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 8U55F173103

AM 1061

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1969 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 166469U145086

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AM 8359

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 8U62Y161841

BV 8424

[REDACTED] (Trust Fund)
c/o [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1969 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 156699S096960

DM 4118

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 164456D215489

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DX 6870

[REDACTED]
Gallatin, Tennessee
1962 Pontiac
Vehicle Identification Number 362D11470

IC 7214

[REDACTED]
Hermitage, Tennessee
1965 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 156355S268686

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JG 8032

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1964 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 41447S262528

JK 0917

[REDACTED]
Donelson, Tennessee
1966 Buick
Vehicle Identification Number 436696H221339

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JM 9048

[REDACTED]
Memphis, Tennessee
1965 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 164455D130429

JZ 9263

[REDACTED]
Lebanon, Tennessee
1966 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 166396F120660

LF 1681

[REDACTED]
Old Hickory, Tennessee
1966 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 6F07C728901

LM 8307

[REDACTED]
Dandridge, Tennessee
1964 Ford
Vehicle Identification Number 4U69Z105525

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ND 6333

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Pontiac
Vehicle Identification Number 262398R14559

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ME 4577

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1969 Plymouth
Vehicle Identification Number RM21H9G153077

NM 4662

[REDACTED]
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
1961 Mercury
Vehicle Identification Number 1H17V889209

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RI 4580

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Plymouth
Vehicle Identification Number PM43F76172852

RY 7345

[REDACTED]
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1962 Rambler
Vehicle Identification Number C817196

RY 8899

WILSON COUNTY

Lebanon, Tennessee

[REDACTED] Wilson County Clerk's Office
[REDACTED] Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

1963 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 30467W122388

TI 6907

ROANE COUNTY Kingston, Tennessee

[REDACTED]
Rockwood, Tennessee
1968 Buick
Vehicle Identification Number 435378H339495

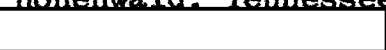
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TX 0270

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1962 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number 20927W146467

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Lewis County
Hohenwald, Tennessee

Hohenwald, Tennessee
1971 Chevrolet

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date November 17, 1970

During the course of a physical surveillance at the east end of J. Percy Priest Dam, between the hours of 3:05 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., the following vehicles were noted to cross J. Percy Priest Dam on the roadway thereon:

<u>LICENSE NO.</u>	<u>VEHICLE MAKE</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
AI 8486	Ford	Dark
TL 6943	Lark	Red
----	Cadillac	Red
DY 9963	Chevrolet	Green
LF 5515	Buick	White
KL 1153	Pontiac	Green
DW 4118	Chevrolet	Yellow
AG 4723	Dodge	White
NJ -----	-----	Blue
SJ 4818	Dodge truck	White
KL 1153	Pontiac	Green
-----	Opel	Red
JJ 4189	Pontiac	White
RI 1191	Oldsmobile	Green
JI -----	Ford Falcon	Black
AJ 7043	Chevrolet	Blue
AI 9876	Ford	Green
Bucar 35	Plymouth	Yellow
GA 1936		
(Metropolitan Police Department)	Chevrolet	Blue
SA 0621	Dodge truck	-----
DY 1950	Ford	-----
RY 8432	Ford	-----
LP 6670	Buick	Green
AF 2002	Ford	White
JZ 9072	-----	-----
-----	Chevrolet	Green
LF 15--	Chevrolet	White
RY -----	Chevrolet	Blue
IV 1721	Chevrolet	Green

On 11/10/70 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 9-1597
 by SA [redacted] and SA JOHN E. RODGERS PHT:lfm Date dictated 11/13/70

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<u>LICENSE NO.</u>	<u>VEHICLE MAKE</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
AF 9028	Ford	Maroon
-----	School bus	yellow
-----	Chevrolet truck	Blue
AM 1693	Corvair	Red
-- 4581	Oldsmobile	-----
NJ 5613	Chevrolet	-----
-----	Chevrolet	Blue
-- 9941	-----	-----
-- 6302	Lincoln	Black
LS 9924	Opel	-----
AJ 08--	Buick	-----
-- 8361	-----	-----
AF 9962	Valiant	White
TT 6907	Mercury	Red
AL 5934	Chevrolet	Red
DZ 0673	Ford	Brown
-----	Chevrolet	Blue
RY 8755	Ford	-----
DY 56--	Ford	-----
NJ 5198	-----	-----
AA 8477	Chevrolet	Blue
NE 4537	Ford	Blue
-----	Oldsmobile	White
-- 3147	Chevrolet	Red
DZ 8964	Volkswagen	Tan
2CR424 (Minnesota)	Mustang	Red
TL 5660	Mustang	Green
TA 8868	Pontiac	Yellow
-----	Chevrolet truck	Yellow
-----	International truck	Green
-----	Pickup truck	White
JK 8944	Volkswagen	Black
-----	Ford pickup	Green
ND 7064	Ford	Blue
AJ 7906	Oldsmobile	Red
-----	Ford pickup	Black
JK 0809	Ford	Gray
JL 3807	Ford	Red
-----	Pickup	Green
AF 7981	Plymouth	White
LG 7898	-----	-----
-----	Chevrolet truck	Blue
RI ----	Chevrolet	Yellow

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<u>LICENSE NO.</u>	<u>VEHICLE MAKE</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
DZ -----	Ford	-----
JW -----	Cadillac	Red
NJ 3597	-----	-----
AA 0481	-----	-----
NJ 5732	-----	-----
-- 0705	-----	-----
NF 9143	-----	-----
OX 6870	-----	-----
NJ 4592	-----	-----
AG 2597	-----	-----
RV or Y 9951	Chevrolet	Yellow
DZ -----	-----	Green
RY 8788	Volkswagen	White
-----	Volkswagen	Blue
AG -----	Chevrolet	-----
AF 8469	Pontiac	-----
RY 6837	Maverick	Yellow
JU 8694	-----	-----
-----	Ford	White
DK -----	Ford	Dark
-----	Ford truck	Red
EV or U 9-83	-----	-----
NJ 3373	-----	-----
-----	Ford	White
-----	Pontiac	Red
AD or O -----	Oldsmobile	White
-----	Volkswagen	Red
RA 4193	Volkswagen bus	Green
NF 1098	Opel	Red
TL 8778	-----	-----
RH -----	-----	-----
RY -----	-----	-----
NJ -----	Chevrolet	-----
ZM 1221	Motorcycle	-----
RK 9797	Cougar	White

At 3:05 P.M., when the physical surveillance was instituted, a 1969 Ford, light blue in color, with a white top was noted to be in the parking lot on the east end of the dam; however, due to that vehicle's location in the lot, a license number was not noted.

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A Chevrolet Malibu, red in color with a white vinyl top, having Tennessee license LW 0199, was also noted in that parking lot.

At 7:30 P.M., when the physical surveillance was discontinued, a Mercury Cougar, having Tennessee license RK 9797 was in the parking lot and this vehicle had been in the parking lot during the last thirty minutes of the surveillance.

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Date November 18, 1970

[redacted] Clerk, Title and Registration
Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Nashville, Tennessee,
furnished the following registration information from the
records of that office.

These license numbers were observed on vehicles
by SA [redacted] on November 10, 1970, in the immediate
vicinity where [redacted] had been
directed to leave the extortion package.

AA 0481

[redacted]
Hermitage, Tennessee
1958 Chevrolet
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) A58N199657

AA 8477

[redacted]
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1969 Chevrolet
VIN 113279W471704

AF 2002

[redacted] Tennessee
1958 Ford
VIN C8UG128192

AF 7981

[redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Dodge
VIN WH41E67251548

AF 9962

[redacted] Tennessee
1962 Dodge
VIN 7427173742

On 11/13/70 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 9-1597

by IC [redacted] /ln Date dictated 11/17/70

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AG 2597

[Redacted]

Hermitage, Tennessee
1968 Dodge
VIN DL41G8F238930

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AG 4723

[Redacted]

Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Plymouth
VIN RH23D8G281305

AI 8486

[Redacted]

Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Pontiac
VIN 266577P322635

AJ 7043

[Redacted]

Nashville, Tennessee
1962 Ford
VIN 2F42L177182

AF 8469

[Redacted]

Hermitage, Tennessee
1963 Pontiac
VIN 363P182506

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AF 9028

[Redacted]

(no city) [Redacted]
VIN PP23G62108173

AI 9876

[Redacted]

Nashville, Tennessee
1962 Chevrolet
VIN 21119J291621

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AJ 7906

[REDACTED]
Old Hickory, Tennessee
1964 Oldsmobile
VIN 824M054612

AL 5934

[REDACTED]
Hermitage, Tennessee
1970 Chevrolet
VIN 164360S191056

AM 1693

[REDACTED]
Memphis, Tennessee
1965 Buick
VIN 482395H122901

DW 4118

[REDACTED]
Hendersonville, Tennessee
1965 Pontiac
VIN 252695D121296

DY 1950

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1963 Ford
VIN 3H15U135896

DY 9963

[REDACTED]
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1965 Chevrolet
VIN 155695S192746

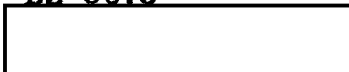
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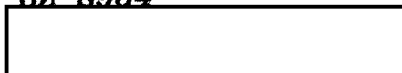
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DZ 0673



Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1969 Ford
VIN 9W66Y236426

DZ 8964



Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1967 Volkswagen
VIN 117366119

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IV 1721



Tennessee

1953 Ford
VIN A3MW158771

JJ 4189



Tennessee

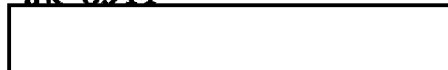
1959 Pontiac
VIN 459A6066

JK 0809



Nashville, Tennessee
1965 Mercury
VIN 5H23C528725

JK 8944



Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Volkswagen
VIN 117285244

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JL 3807



Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Mercury
VIN 724714530285

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JH 8694

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1965 Ford
VIN 5A60X143871

JZ 9072

Wilson County Court Clerk
(615) 444-0314

[REDACTED]
Wilson County Court Clerk
Last registered in 1967 to:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mount Juliet
1965 Mercury, Comet
VIN 5H23T57777

KL 1153

[REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Pontiac
VIN 252357E205109

LF 5515

[REDACTED]
Medina, Tennessee
1962 Mercury
VIN 2K42F528269

LG 7898

GLEN ROBERTS FORD-Leasing
Columbia, Tennessee
1968 Ford
VIN 8T01C178690

LP 6670

[REDACTED]
Hermitage, Tennessee
1955 Buick
VIN 4B6023966

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LS 9924



Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Opel
VIN 311441045

ND 7064



Nashville, Tennessee
1968 Pontiac
VIN 235278R193856

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NE 4537



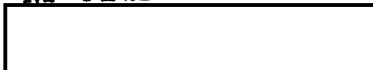
Donelson, Tennessee
1954 Ford
VIN U4MG130692

NF 1098



Goodlettsville, Tennessee
March 26, 1970 - 1970 Opel Delux SW
VIN 399267180
Transferred on March 31, 1970 to 1966 Chevrolet SW
VIN 156356D169806

NF 9143



Hendersonville, Tennessee
1970 Chevrolet
VIN CE23L0C125876

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NJ 3373



Lebanon, Tennessee
1960 Chevrolet
VIN 00769W29727

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NJ 3597

[REDACTED]

Tennessee

1959 Volkswagen
VIN FS180063

NJ 4592

[REDACTED]

Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1965 Chevrolet
VIN 105375W206915

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NJ 5198

[REDACTED]

Tennessee

1964 Chevrolet
VIN 41869C162448

NJ 5613

[REDACTED]

Lebanon, Tennessee
1966 Chevrolet
VIN 166476D211921

NJ 5732

[REDACTED]

Watertown, Tennessee
1965 Cadillac
VIN B5259597

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OX 6870

Ruther Ford Company
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

[REDACTED]

Murfreesboro, Tennessee
1966 Oldsmobile
VIN 338176M269373

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RA 4193



Tennessee

1969 Chevrolet
VIN 164699S119766

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RI 1191



Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Oldsmobile
VIN 338176M338974

RK 9797

Southhall & Associates
417 East Iris Drive
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Mercury
VIN 7F93C642910

RY 6837



Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1970 Ford
VIN OX191T319441

RY 8432

Wilson Company
Lebanon, Tennessee



Lebanon, Tennessee
1969 Ford, 2-door
VIN 9A40H157216

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RY 8755

Wilson Company
Lebanon, Tennessee



Lebanon, Tennessee
1962 Ford, 2-door
VIN 2F47F168630

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RY 8788
Wilson Company
Lebanon, Tennessee

[REDACTED]

Mount Juliet, Tennessee
1962 Volkswagen
VIN 4280018

RY 9951 (Not sold this high)
Wilson Company
Lebanon, Tennessee
RY 8951

[REDACTED]

Watertown, Tennessee
1966 Ford Falcon
VIN 6F13C137215

RV 9951
Shelby County
Memphis, Tennessee

[REDACTED]

Memphis, Tennessee
1970 Ford Custom
VIN 0U51H171655

SA 0621

[REDACTED]

Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Pickup truck
VIN F10YL819028

SJ 4818

[REDACTED]

Hermitage, Tennessee
1967 Ford
F25YLA75939

TA 8868

[REDACTED]

Hermitage, Tennessee
1970 Pontiac
VIN 233370R158060

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TL 5660

[Redacted]

Nashville, Tennessee
1961 Renault
VIN 5674884

TL 6943

[Redacted]

Hermitage, Tennessee
1962 Studebaker
VIN 62S23430

TL 8778

[Redacted]

Nashville, Tennessee
1966 Ford
VIN 6A71Y192851

TT 6907

Davidson County
Nashville, Tennessee

[Redacted]

County Court Clerk

Nashville, Tennessee
1962 Oldsmobile Coupe
VIN 621M21935

ZM 1221

MOTORCYCLE
Smith Company

[Redacted]

Donelson, Tennessee
1966 BMW Motorcycle
VIN 660757

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (9-1597)

Date: November 30, 1970

FBI File No. 9-52000

Re: UNSUB:

Lab. No.

D-701113090 HE

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[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Specimens received 11/12/70

Q1 Envelope bearing postmark "NASHVILLE, TN 2B AM 3 NOV 1970"
bearing hand printed address [REDACTED] NASHVILLE,
TENN"

Q2 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning [REDACTED] \$100,000.00
GET IT..."

Q3 Envelope bearing postmark "NASHVILLE, TN 2B -PM 4 NOV 1970"
bearing hand printed address [REDACTED] Nashville"

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Q4 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning [REDACTED] YOU GOT b7C
MONEY KEEP..."

Q5 Envelope bearing postmark "NASHVILLE, TN 2B PM 8 NOV 1970"
bearing hand printed address [REDACTED] Hoover Stone Co
Donelson Pike Nashville, Tenn"

Q6 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning [REDACTED] IF
YOU THOUGHT LETTERS WERE A JOKE..."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Xerox copy of each of the above

Result of examination:

It was concluded that specimens Q1 through Q6 in this
case, were prepared by the same person who prepared specimens
Q1 through Q9 submitted by your office in connection with the
[REDACTED] extortion case.

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Except for the above, specimens Q1 through Q6 were
searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous
Letter File but no identification was effected. A representative
copy of these specimens has been added to this file for future
reference.

Indented hand printing appears on specimen Q6 which matches portions of the hand printing appearing on specimen Q8 in the [redacted] extortion case. Included in the indented hand printing is the name [redacted]. No other indented hand printing of value was found on specimens Q1 through Q5.

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The physical characteristics of specimens Q1 through Q6 have been recorded and are being retained in the Bureau.

Specimens Q1 through Q6 are being returned separately. The material listed as ALSO SUBMITTED and photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q6 are retained in the files of the Bureau.

On December 4, 1970 subject [redacted] was brought before U. S. Commissioner A. B. NEIL, JR., Nashville, Tennessee, on a motion of [redacted] attorney for a reduction of bond set in the [redacted] case at \$50,000. During these proceedings the bond in the [redacted] case was reduced to \$25,000. At this point Assistant U. S. Attorney IRA PARKER, Nashville, advised U. S. Commissioner NEIL that he was authorizing prosecution of subject [redacted] [redacted] for having mailed threatening extortion letters to [redacted] and JOHNNY CASH.

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Pursuant to this authorization, a complaint was filed by SA JOHN E. RODGERS before U. S. Commissioner NEIL charging subject with violation of the Extortion Statute, Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code, in that he did mail threatening letters to [redacted] and JOHNNY CASH, and a warrant was issued. Subject was brought before U. S. Commissioner NEIL and bond was set at \$25,000. Subject was remanded to the custody of U. S. Marshal and housed in the Federal section of the Metropolitan Jail, Nashville, Tennessee, in lieu of bond.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1396

FBI FILE NO. 9-51966

LATENT CASE NO. 9-28481

December 18, 1970

TO: SAC, Memphis

RE: [REDACTED] - VICTIM

JIMMY CASH - VICTIM
MURDER

REFERENCE: Letters 12-2-70 and 12-4-70

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Memphis

SPECIMENS: Q10 through Q12, envelope and accompanying letter
Q13 through Q16, envelope and three sheets of paper

Listed specimens are described in separate Laboratory report.

One latent fingerprint developed on Q10 and two latent fingerprints developed on Q16. No latent prints of value developed on remaining specimens.

Latent fingerprint developed on Q10, not identical fingerprints, [REDACTED]

Tolson _____
Sullivan _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Brennan, C.D. _____
Callahan _____
Casper _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Tavel _____
Walters _____
Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Enc. (40)

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ENCLOSURE 9-51966-35 (Continued on next page)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Your File No. 9-1596
FBI File No. 9-51966-35
Latent Case No. A-28481

December 18, 1970

Re:

Two latent fingerprints developed on a sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Cash If you want to keep making . . ." designated Q16, have been identified as fingerprints of

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SAC, Memphis

December 18, 1970

See an attached page for results of additional comparisons conducted.

Q10 through Q16, together with nineteen envelopes, thirteen sheets of paper and stationery pad, K1 through K3, are enclosed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

RECORDED

12/8/70 db

LATENT

Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded: 12-16-70 9:35 a.m. Received: 12-16-70 vmb

Re:

[Redacted]

- VICTIM;

File #

9-51966 35

Lab. #

D-701208044 HE

IC#

A-28481

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;

EXTORTION

OO: Memphis

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Examination requested by: Memphis (9-1596) L. 12/4/70

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 12/8/70

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Noted By: [Signature]

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[Redacted] - 52000

12-16-70 - [Signature]
Spec. for J. N. [Signature]
Q16 to [Signature]
Called [Signature]
Q13, [Signature] (SN) no [Signature]
No add. [Signature] SN- 12/17

Specimens submitted for examination

Q13 Envelope postmarked "SMYRNA, TN NOV27 PM 1970 37167," bearing hand printed address "Johnny Cash Caudill Estates Hendersonville"

Q14 *Small torn sheet of* portion of ~~sheet~~ paper attached to the top of Q16

Q15 *Small portion of torn sheet of paper attached to the top of Q16*

Q16 Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Cash If you want to keep making . . ."

2 lat. fpts. dev'd. on Q16 + 2 + 3 fpts. [Redacted]

No lat. fpts. of dev'd. on remaining spec. 12/17

Q13 - Q16 enclosed. Stains removed- 12/17

Lats. prev'y. reported have been compared. 12/17
(ME has been advised)

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Examination completed

8:15
Time

12/17/70
Date

Dictated

12/17/70
Date

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

DATE: 12/4/70

[REDACTED] VICTIM;
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
(OO Memphis)

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Re Memphis letter to the Bureau dated 12/2/70.

Title is marked changed to reflect the addition of JOHNNY CASH as a victim in instant matter, in view of receipt of enclosed letter.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original letter and envelope of extortion letter postmarked Smyrna, Tenn., 11/27/70, and one Xerox copy each of the aforementioned.

[REDACTED] Attorney, Nashville, Tenn., made available the enclosed letter and envelope which were received by the JOHNNY CASH organization in Nashville, Tenn.

For the information of the Bureau, JOHNNY CASH is a nationally known television star who receives "stacks" of mail each day. In his organization are members who open the mail, and this letter was found on opening the mail sometime following 11/27/70 (Friday) and was turned over to [REDACTED] who is the attorney for JOHNNY CASH.

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The handwriting on both the envelope and letter appears identical with that in the letters received by [REDACTED]. In addition, it should be noted that on the top of the one page letter to JOHNNY CASH there are the remains of two sheets of paper. On the upper right-hand corner there are the remains of a sheet of paper which apparently corresponds to one of the sheets of paper which

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was received by [redacted] in his last extortion letter. The portion of the remaining page on the left upper portion of the CASH letter is also the remains from a sheet of paper from the [redacted] letter and it contains the top of a "T" which appears on the [redacted] letter as "take."

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handprinting on enclosed letter and envelope with the previous extortion letters submitted in the [redacted] case and with the known handprinting of subject.

Will examine enclosed specimens for water marks and indented writing in an effort to identify the source.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process letter and envelope for latent fingerprints and compare any developed latents with fingerprints of subject previously submitted.

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Let. SAC, Memphis (9-1546)
12-2-70

Q10 - Q12, Envelope + 2 page letter

Let. 12-4-70

Q13 - Q16, Envelope + 3 sheets of
paper

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Victim

Johnny CASAL - Victim
Extortion

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Let. 12-2-70
Photos

3 fpts. (29)

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Photos of let. fpts.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 2/4/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/18/70 - 1/13/71
TITLE OF CASE JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN E. RODGERS	TYPED BY LF
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS dated 12/10/70 at Memphis.

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LEADS:

MEMPHIS

AT NASHVILLE, TENN.

Follow and report prosecutive action.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations		
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U. S. ATTORNEY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Report of: SA JOHN E. RODGERS
Date: FEBRUARY 4, 1971

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File #: ME 9-1604

Bureau File #: 9-51966

Title:
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Two latent fingerprints developed on letter in instant case identified as fingerprints of subject This matter presented FGJ, Nashville, Tenn., by 4-count indictment charging subject with violation of Title 18, Section 876, USC (Extortion). Testimony heard but no indictment returned as both judges absent.

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1596
FBI FILE NO. 9-51966
LATENT CASE NO. A-28481

December 18, 1970**TO: SAC, Memphis**

RE

**- VICTIM**

**JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

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REFERENCE: Letters 12-2-70 and 12-4-70
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Memphis
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Latent fingerprint developed on Q10, not identical fingerprints 

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SAC, Memphis

December 18, 1970

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Q10 through Q16, together with nineteen envelopes, thirteen sheets of paper and stationery pad, K1 through K3, are enclosed.

Your File No. 9-1596
FBI File No. 9-51966
Latent Case No. A-28481

December 18, 1970

RE:

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Two latent fingerprints developed on a sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "Cash If you want to keep making . . .," designated Q16, have been identified as fingerprints of

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On January 13, 1971, Assistant U. S. Attorney IRA E. PARKER III, Nashville, Tennessee, advised he had on that date presented a four-count indictment charging subject with violation of Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code (Extortion), to the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ), Nashville. The FGJ heard testimony relating to the circumstances in instant case. He stated no indictment was returned since both judges were absent, and he stated he anticipated the indictment would be returned at the convening of the next FGJ in February 1971.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 3/29/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/5/71
TITLE OF CASE JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN E. RODGERS	TYPED BY tjm
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	b6 b7C

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS, 2/4/71, at Memphis.

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LEADS:

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Will follow and report prosecutive action.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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0 - Bureau (9-51966) 1 - USA, Nashville 2 - Memphis (9-1604)						9- 51966 41 REC-74 APR 2 1971 EX-114		
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Agency						[Redacted Box] b6 b7C		
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Nashville

Report of: SA JOHN E. RODGERS
Date: March 29, 1971

Office: Memphis, Tennessee

Field Office File #: 9-1604

Bureau File #: 9-51966

Title:
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIMb6
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Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: IRA PARKER, AUSA, Nashville, Tennessee, advised subject remains on bond and this matter has not been set for trial.

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DETAILS:

On March 5, 1971, Mr. IRA PARKER, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that subject remains on bond and this matter has not been set on a calendar for court action. He stated there are numerous items pending in United States District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, wherein individuals are actually in jail and he believes for this reason that this matter will be deferred. He stated he is unable at this time to predict when instant trial will occur.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 5/3/71

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596) (P)

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau letter to Memphis 11/30/70.

Subject to be tried U. S. District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, 5/24-25/71.

Mr. IRVING E. PARKER III, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Nashville, advised testimony of handwriting expert who concluded specimens Q-1 through Q-13 and Q-16 in this case in addition to specimens Q-1 through Q-6 in the [REDACTED] extortion case were prepared by [REDACTED] K-1, is necessary and vital witness as well as fingerprint examiner who determined latent fingerprints on Q-6 in case, Q-16 in CASH case and Q-1, Q-5, Q-7 and Q-8 in [REDACTED] case were those of [REDACTED]

UACB, individuals conducting investigation and reaching above-described conclusions will appear for testimony in U. S. District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, on 5/24/71 at 9:00 a.m.

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To: SAC, Memphis (9-1596)

From: Director, FBI (9-51966) - 42

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;

EXTORTION

OO: Memphis

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Reurlet 5-3-71.

SA [REDACTED] is the document examiner in this matter and will be available to testify at the trial of this case in USDC, Nashville, Tennessee, on 5-24-71. He will arrive in Nashville on the morning of 5-24-71, UAC.

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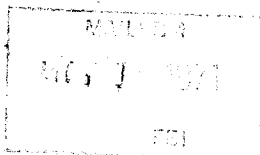
With regard to his testimony, he will have photographic enlargements of specimens Q7 and Q8 in the [REDACTED] case and specimens Q1 and Q2 in the [REDACTED] case, for demonstration purposes. Advise if testimony regarding torn edges or indented writing is desired.

You are being advised separately regarding the identity of the fingerprint examiner.

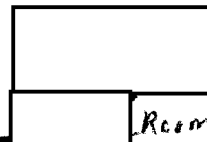
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To: SAC, Memphis (9-1596)

From: Director, FBI (9-51966)

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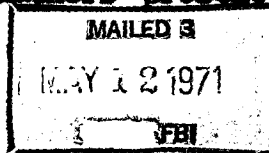
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Fingerprint Examiners [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will be present Nashville, Tennessee, 5/24/71, to testify to the latent print identifications captioned case.

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Major case prints of [REDACTED] recorded 11/30/70 by SA [REDACTED] will be used for charting purposes. SA [REDACTED] will be necessary witness.

Immediately advise the Bureau of any change of date examiners' presence necessary.



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DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

5/3/71

SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1596) (P)

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: MEMPHIS

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Date: 5/15/71

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(Priority)TO: Director, FBI (9-51966)
ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, Memphis (9-1596)(P)

SUBJECT: VICTIM;
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION
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Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 5/10/71.

AUSA IRA PARKER, USA's Office, Nashville, was advised of the information in referenced airtel. Mr. PARKER advised that he did desire testimony from the document examiner concerning the torn edges and the indented writing as previously reflected in Laboratory report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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12:18 PM URGENT 5-21-71 MSE

TO DIRECTOR (9-1596)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY; IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
FROM MEMPHIS (9-1596) 1P

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU AIRTELS DATED MAY TEN AND TWELVE LAST.

AUSA IRA PARKER ADVISED DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAVE INDICATED
SUBJECT [REDACTED] WILL ENTER PLEA OF GUILTY ON MAY TWENTYFOUR
NEXT. IN VIEW OF THIS, TESTIMONY OF SA [REDACTED]
DOCUMENT EXAMINER, AND FINGERPRINT EXAMINERS [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] NOT NECESSARY AND THEY MAY CANCEL
PLANS TO APPEAR NASHVILLE, TENN., MAY TWENTYFOUR NEXT. P.
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CC: [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - VICTIM

EXTORTION
(Memphis File 9-1596) (P)

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

EXTORTION
(Memphis File 9-1597) (P)

JAMES EARL JOINES;
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(Memphis File 9-1604) (P)

Re report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS at Memphis dated 3/29/71 (9-1596), report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS at Memphis dated 3/26/71 (9-1597), and report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS at Memphis dated 3/29/71 (9-1604).

On 5/24/71 defendant [REDACTED] was scheduled for trial in U. S. District Court in Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to trial time, the U. S. Attorney, in conference with defense attorneys, agreed to dismiss the indictment and file an information charging subject with three counts of violation of Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code, knowingly mailing a threatening communication. Defendant then entered a plea of guilty to these charges

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and U. S. District Judge FRANK GRAY, JR., accepted the plea of guilty and indicated that he would sentence subject on 6/2/71.

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AT NASHVILLE, TENN.

Will follow and report sentencing of subject on 6/2/71.

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Date: 6/4/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-51966)
ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
ROOM 2268
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1604) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
JOHNNY CASH -- VICTIM
EXTORTION

Re report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS, 3/29/71.

[REDACTED] appeared in USDC, Nashville, Tennessee, 6/2/71 for purpose of sentencing, having previously entered plea of guilty to charge of mailing a threatening letter.

[REDACTED] sentenced by USDJ FRANK GRAY, JR. to custody of Attorney General for treatment and supervision under provisions of Title 18, Section 5010 (b), Youth Corrections Act.

Bureau requested to credit Memphis with one conviction.

Report follows.

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Special Agent in Charge

PAROLE REPORT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MEMPHIS	Office of Origin MEMPHIS	Date 6/10/71
Name of Convict with Aliases: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	Report Made By SA JOHN E. RODGERS	Typed By wp
	Violation: EXTORTION	

Outline of Offense: **During the latter part of 1970, [redacted] mailed five threatening letters to [redacted] Commerce Union Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, wherein he demanded payments of \$100,000 to \$200,000. He set forth instructions for payoffs on three occasions. In addition, [redacted] mailed three letters to [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee. In the third letter he demanded a payment of \$100,000 under threat of harm to the [redacted] family. Payoff instructions were set forth in this letter. [redacted] mailed one letter to JOHNNY CASH, Hendersonville, Tennessee, in which he demanded \$200,000 and gave instructions for payoff. This letter contained a threat to CASH and his family.**

Date and place of indictment;

or information filed: **May 24, 1971, Nashville, Tennessee**

Code and section under which charged: **Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code**

Section under which sentenced: **Title 18, Section 5010(b), U. S. Code**

Date and nature of plea: **May 24, 1971, guilty**

Date and place of conviction: **May 24, 1971, Nashville, Tennessee**

Date and duration of sentence: **June 2, 1971; indefinite sentence under provisions of Title 18, Section 5010(b)**

Fines: **None**

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances: **There are no known mitigating circumstances.**

Approved <i>JSBur</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do Not Write in Spaces Below	
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 6/18/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/24/71 - 6/2/71
TITLE OF CASE <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN E. RODGERS	TYPED BY cjs
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCES:

Memphis report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS dated 3/29/71
 Memphis airtel to Bureau dated 6/4/71

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A Parole Report and Disposition Sheet were previously submitted on by report of SA JOHN E. RODGERS dated June 10, 1971, captioned - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

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Conviction in instant case was claimed in Memphis airtel to Bureau dated June 4, 1971.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

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- 1 - USA, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1 - Memphis (9-1604)

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: USA, Nashville, Tennessee

Report of: SA JOHN E. RODGERS
Date: 6/18/71

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File #: 9-1604

Bureau File #: 9-51966

Title: [REDACTED]
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIMb6
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Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] appeared USDC, Nashville, Tenn., 5/24/71 and entered plea of guilty to an information charging him with mailing a threatening letter to JOHNNY CASH (T18, Section 876, USC). Indictment charging subject with extortion dismissed. Subject appeared USDC 6/2/71 and committed to custody AG for treatment and supervision under provisions of T18, USC, Section 5010 (b).

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DETAILS:

On May 24, 1971, [REDACTED] appeared U. S. District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, and entered a plea of guilty to an information charging him with mailing a threatening letter to JOHNNY CASH (Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code). Following the plea of guilty the indictment charging [REDACTED] with extortion in regard to instant matter was dismissed.

On June 2, 1971, [REDACTED] was committed to custody of the Attorney General for the U. S. for treatment and supervision under provisions of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 5010 (b), by U. S. District Judge FRANK GRAY, Nashville, Tennessee.

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate☐ Priority☐ Routine

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Date 5/23/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-6553) (P) (3)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
UNSUB aka

90601018-D

JOHNNY CASH VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
OO: Los Angeles

Title marked changed to reflect JOHNNY CASH as the victim. Title formerly carried as "UNSUB, aka - VICTIM."

Enclosed for the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, are two plastic envelopes containing:

- (1) Computer print-out with attached typewritten letter beginning with "Dear John" along with an envelope address to JOHNNY CASH and a business card Chandler, Az. 85224,
- (2) Computer print-out beginning with " dated "13-NOV-78."

Copies of these documents are also enclosed for receiving offices

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)
2 - Phoenix (Enc. 2)
2 - St. Louis (Enc. 2)
2 - Los Angeles

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On 5/18/79, [] Artist Consultants, 9200 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that her employer, [] is the personal manager for country music singer JOHNNY CASH. On 5/16/79, she received the above enclosures through the United States mail at her office in the envelope addressed to CASH. She noted that although the contents of the documents are basically non-sensible, both she and [] were fearful of CASH's daughter because of the threats implied.

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[] advised that CASH has six daughters by current and former marriages, but she does not know the current whereabouts of the daughters. The name [] meant nothing to [] or [] and it was noted that CASH has not performed in the Phoenix area for some time. [] also noted that the envelope appeared to be postmarked at Spokane, Washington, and she stated that CASH has not been in the state recently.

[] advised that for some time an individual by the name of [] of O'Fallon, Missouri, has been bothering CASH with letters and telephone calls at CASH's place of business, the House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee. [] is apparently a mental patient and is supposedly under a restraining order to quit harassing CASH. [] stated [] resides at [] O'Fallon, Missouri, telephone number []. [] also stated that [] has been represented in the past by an attorney, [] 200 North Meramec, Clayton, Missouri, telephone number (314) 727-7100.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to process the enclosures for any latent fingerprints. If any fingerprints are developed, it is requested that they be held on file for comparisons if any suspects are developed in the future.

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AT HENDERSONVILLE, TENNESSEE: Contact []
[] House of Cash, telephone number (615) 824-5110,
to determine whereabouts of CASH's daughters; if any
have been threatened in recent past; and if any are
familiar with [] (NOTE: Agent covering lead
should contact Los Angeles case agent, []
telephonically prior to covering lead.)

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AT CHANDLER, ARIZONA: (1) Locate and interview
[] regarding enclosed materials and threats.

(2) Determine identity of [] to whom typewritten
letter was originally addressed.

(3) Determine if "1199 of these things went into
the mail" as indicated in "P.S. #7" of the typed letter.

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AT O'FALLON, MISSOURI: Locate and interview []
[] regarding enclosed materials and threats.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Present facts to
United States Attorney upon completion of investigation.

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate☐ Priority☐ Routine

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
 LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-6553) (P) (3)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
 EXTORTION (A)
 OO: Los Angeles

Title marked changed to delete Unknown Subject
 and reflect [] as subject.

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 5/23/79.

For information of receiving offices, the Phoenix Division has advised that during December 1978, [] of Chandler, Arizona, admitted mailing over 1,000 computer printouts identical to the ones enclosed with referenced airtel. These printouts were mailed to all Congressmen and Senators, the Governors and Lieutenant Governors of all 50 states, and numerous other individuals. During interview, [] stated he mailed the printouts to "impress his girl friend" and did not intend to harm anyone.

United States Attorney's Office, Phoenix, declined prosecution of [] at that time due to his condition as a mental patient. On 7/3/79, Assistant U. S. Attorney ALAN JAY WEIL, Los Angeles, declined Federal prosecution in captioned case, again citing [] mental condition.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Inasmuch as the subject in this case has been identified, the Identification Division is requested to discontinue processing of documents as requested in referenced airtel.

Receiving offices discontinue investigation.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-6553)

July 9, 1979

From: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FBI FILE NO. 9-64577

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Re: UNSUB aka
[redacted]
 JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
 EXTORTION (A)
 OO: Los Angeles

Reference airtel dated May 23, 1979

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: Anonymous Letter File.

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is being returned with the latent fingerprint examination.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

- Q1 Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 23, 1973
- Q2 Page 2 of a computer print-out
- Q3 Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Johnny Cash Artists Consultants 9200 Sunset Blvd. Suite 707 Los Angeles, Ca. 90069"
- Q4 Business card in the name of [redacted]
- Q5 Page 1 of a typewritten and hand printed letter beginning "Dear John, Merry Xmas and..." and ending "...Guess Who!?"

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- Q6 Page 2 of a typewritten letter beginning "P.S.
#1 why don't you ask. . ." and ending ". . . I
never will."
- Q7 Page 3 of a typewritten letter beginning "If I
ever want. . ." and ending ". . . problem for me."
- Q8 Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 13, 1978
- Q9 Page 2 of a computer print-out
- Q10 Page 3 of a computer print-out

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6/14/79FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

5/29/79

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-6553)

d FBI FILE NO.

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LAB. NO.

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[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION (A)
OO: Los Angeles

Examination by:

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Examination requested by: Los Angeles
Reference: Airtel dated May 23, 1979
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

- Q1 Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 28, 1978
- Q2 Page 2 of a computer print-out
- Q3 Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Johnny Cash Artists Consultants 9200 Sunset Blvd. Suite 707 Los Angeles, Ca. 90069"
- Q4 Business card in the name of [REDACTED]
- Q5 Page 1 of a typewritten and hand printed letter beginning "Dear John, Merry XMas and. . ." and ending ". . .Guess Who! ?"

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- Q9 Page 2 of a computer print-out
- Q10 Page 3 of a computer print-out

Q1 - Q2 white sheets of unruled paper
No watermarks
No indented writings

Q3 - white envelope
No watermark
No indented writing
All stamps torn from sheets of stamps

Q4 - white card
No watermark
No indented writing

Q5 - Q7
white sheets of unruled paper
No watermarks
No indented writings

Q8 - Q10 - white sheets of unruled paper
No watermarks
No indented writings

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Typewriter

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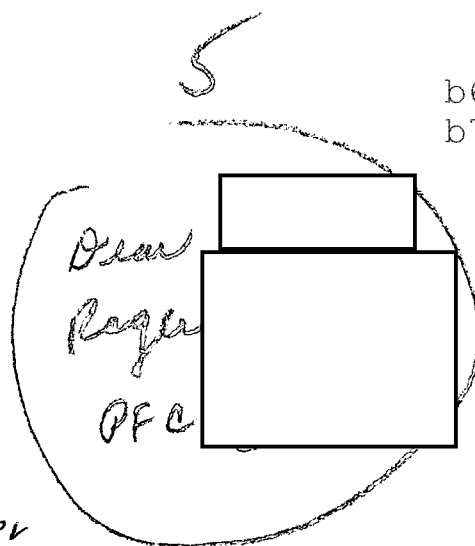
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To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-6553)

Re: UNSUB, aka
[redacted]
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION (A)
OO: Los Angeles

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Examination by:

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Examination requested by: Los Angeles
Reference: Airtel dated May 23, 1979
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

- Q1 Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 28, 1978
- Q2 Page 2 of a computer print-out
- Q3 Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Johnny Cash Artists Consultants 9200 Sunset Blvd. Suite 707 Los Angeles, Ca. 90069"
- Q4 Business card in the name of [redacted]
- Q5 Page 1 of a typewritten and hand printed letter beginning "Dear John, Merry Xmas and. . ." and ending ". . .Guess Who! ?"

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Dear [REDACTED]

Merry Xmas and best wishes for you and your family, including your daughter. And, lots of luck with finding someone else to help support her for a while.

If you know how to contact her, please tell her that she is going to get a big surprise for Xmas this year. I've really out-done myself this time. I just wanted to make sure she won't ever forget Xmas 1978 or me. I know that I won't ever forget her, for one reason or another.

More people, the world over, are going to know about your daughter than ever knew about Cleopatra, in her time. In case you don't know who Cleopatra was, I'll tell you. She was some Egyptian chick that really had things going good for a while, with this Roman General named Mark Anthony. Well, guess what?! This chick fucked over her dude, too.

Well, rather than send the whole Roman Army to Egypt just to give Cleopatra a Xmas present, Mark Anthony did the next best thing. No, he didn't write her another computer program, that's my department. He sent her some poisonous vipers. In those days, the postage on a few poisonous vipers was cheaper than it was on the whole Roman Army.

I thought about pulling the old Mark Anthony trick on your daughter. Well, guess what, again? Poisonous vipers are out of season, just before Xmas. At least west of the Mississippi River. I heard tell, that someone east of the Mississippi River (in a place called Olive Hill, Kentucky) grows poisonous vipers. I think that's because everything else they have ever tried to grow in Olive Hill, Kentucky (except moonshine) didn't grow worth a damn, either.

I was also trying to find some dude by the name of [REDACTED], who used to live in Olive Hill, Kentucky about fifteen years ago or so. No, not another Roman General; but a Pfc in the United States Marine Corps. I even thought about sending the whole United States Marine Corps to Mesa, Arizona just to give your daughter a Xmas present.

I gave that idea up, too. I haven't been in the United States Marine Corps for fifteen years, so I don't think that everyone still in it remembers me. Besides, I was only a Sargent; and, I think that I would have had a little trouble pulling rank on all the Generals, just so I could borrow the entire United States Marine Corps for a while. Even if it was just for delivering a Xmas present for your favorite daughter.

By the way, the reason I was looking for a Pfc in the United States Marines (in Olive Hill, Kentucky) instead of a Roman General (in Rome or Egypt or wherever they keep Roman Generals these days) was for two reasons:

- 1) This Pfc [REDACTED] dude used to be able to beg, borrow or steal the best moonshine available anywhere in the Hills of Eastern Kentucky (including Olive Hill, Kentucky). I think that before all this is over, I may have a need for some of that moonshine. So, I can go out and get bombed again.
- 2) I couldn't make any long distance telephone call from work to Rome or Egypt or wherever they keep Roman Generals these days.

Happy Holiday Season, again.

Guess Who!?

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55 WILL ALL OF YOU BE SATISFIED WITH 55 HOLIDAY WISHES? THANK YOU.

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AGAIN FROM: JACK, TRINA, BOBBI, SUSAN, AND OMA.

P.S. IF ANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND ME ANYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS, PLEASE SEND MONEY.
I REALLY NEED IT.
NO DONATION WILL BE CONSIDERED TOO SMALL.

MY LAST GIRLFRIEND TOOK ME TO THE CLEANERS, LIKE I'VE NEVER BEEN TAKEN BEFORE.
ABOUT THE ONLY WAY I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE UP ALL OF MY LOSSES, IS BY
HAVING A GOOD NIGHT AT ONE OF THE BLACKJACK TABLES IN A CASINO IN LAS VEGAS.

BYE.

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JACKB 21:27 28-Nov-78
10 PRINT "HELLO."
20 PRINT "THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR ALL OF MY RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ACQUAINTANCES."
30 PRINT "AND, ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS THAT HE OR SHE HAS PROBABLY NEVER GOTTEN BEFORE."
40 PRINT "THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]"
50 PRINT "THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS TESTED AND RUN ON A DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION PDP 11/70 COMPUTER."
60 PRINT " "
70 PRINT "HOW MANY HOLIDAY WISHES WOULD YOU LIKE THE COMPUTER TO PRINT FOR YOU?"
80 PRINT "PLEASE, ENTER ANY POSITIVE NUMBER GREATER THAN ONE AND LESS THAN ONE MILLION."
90 PRINT " "
100 INPUT N
110 IF N < 1 THEN GO TO 20
120 IF N > 1000000 THEN GO TO 20
130 PRINT " "
140 PRINT "YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE AT LEAST", N, "HOLIDAY WISHES, BUT PROBABLY MORE."
150 PRINT " "
160 PRINT " "
170 REM K COUNTS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOLIDAY WISHES.
180 REM J COUNTS THE NUMBER OF HOLIDAY WISHES WITHIN EACH GROUP.
190 K = 0
200 J = 0
210 FOR W = 1 TO J
220 PRINT " "
230 PRINT "I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING IN THE COMING NEW YEAR."
240 PRINT " "
250 REM W = 1
260 PRINT " "
270 K = K + 1
280 PRINT " "
290 IF W = J THEN GO TO 330
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330 PRINT "HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AGAIN FROM: [REDACTED]"
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JACKB 21:29 28-Nov-78

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HELLO.
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YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE AT LEAST 52 HOLIDAY WISHES, BUT PROBABLY MORE.

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- P.S. #1 Why don't you ask your daughter if she would like to take a vacation in Olive Hill, Kentucky? That may be the only place in the world where everyone won't think that she looks like Cleopatra.
- P.S. #2 If someone there does think that she is Cleopatra, tell her to change her name again, that may do the trick.
- P.S. #3 If she wants to change her last name to mine, I may even let her borrow my credit cards, again. She may need something to survive on for a while. I heard that jobs are hard to find in Olive Hill, Kentucky; and the tourist season is a real bummer this time of the year.
- P.S. #4 No, I'm not going to let her take my check book, too. They don't take out-of-state checks in Olive Hill, Kentucky. Not even mine, and some of the people used to know me there, about twenty years ago!
- P.S. #5 And, I can't afford to go there just to open a new checking account for her. She spent all the money that I made, that she made, and everything that I could borrow. The reason she didn't spend any of the money she could Borrow, was because no one would loan her any.
- P.S. #6 If I can't get any moonshine for Xmas, I'll go out and stock up on lots of Coors. I can get bombed on that stuff, too.
- P.S. #7 and last but not least, tell your daughter that the number "1200" on your envelope means that "1199" of these things went into the mail ahead of yours. b6
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- P.S. #8 Merry Xmas everyone, and lots of laughs for 1978. Or, let's all go out and get bombed on Coors.
- P.S. #9 Bye.
- P.S. #10 Again, last but not least, if I don't get my throat cut over this, I never will.

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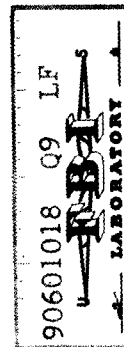
THIS GUY IS REALLY HOOKED ON YOU!

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JORDAN 09:26

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100 PRINT "THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR [REDACTED]
110 PRINT "THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]
120 PRINT "HOW MANY TIMES WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL [REDACTED] THAT YOU LOVE
130 PRINT "PLEASE, ENTER ANY POSITIVE NUMBER."
140 INPUT N
150 PRINT " "
160 IF C=0
170 LET C=C+1
180 PRINT C, "I LOVE YOU, [REDACTED]."
190 IF C=N THEN GO TO 400
200 GO TO 300
210 LET C=C+1
220 PRINT C, "ICH LIEBE DICH, [REDACTED]."
230 IF C=N THEN GO TO 400
240 GO TO 200
250 IF N=100 THEN GO TO 415
260 GO TO 5000
270 PRINT " "
280 PRINT [REDACTED] "THIS GUY IS REALLY HOOKED ON YOU!"
290 END

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END

JORDAN 09:27

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THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR [REDACTED]
THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]
HOW MANY TIMES WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL [REDACTED] THAT YOU LOVE HER?
PLEASE, ENTER ANY POSITIVE NUMBER.
? 100

1 I LOVE YOU, [REDACTED]
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3 I LOVE YOU, [REDACTED]
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5 I LOVE YOU, [REDACTED]
6 ICH LIEBE DICH, [REDACTED]
7 I LOVE YOU, [REDACTED] ETC.
8 ICH LIEBE DICH, [REDACTED] ETC.
9 I LOVE YOU, [REDACTED]
10 ICH LIEBE DICH, [REDACTED]
11 I LOVE YOU, [REDACTED]
12 ICH LIEBE DICH, [REDACTED]
13 I LOVE YOU, [REDACTED]

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If I ever want to make any points with this new chick, who wants to become my new insurance agent or my new hairdresser or my new whatever - - - national origin unknown, but who doesn't look like another Cleopatra; I just add P.S. #11 through P.S. #20. That may do the trick.

P.S. #11 Hey New Chick, how about you taking your boyfirend to the cleaners?
So that you and I can take his bucks and can go to Las Vegas and play some blackjack or something.

P.S. #12 After we get to Las Vegas, you count the bucks that I win or that I lose.
And I play the cards.

P.S. #13 If I win some bucks, you tell me that you want half of everything that I win, and all of my next three pay checks at work. You also tell me that you need all those bucks, so that you can make your next three car payments or so that you can file for divorce from your last three husbands, whichever comes to your mind first.

P.S. #14 If I lose all of your boyfriend's bucks, you get mad. And you tell me, that you want all of your money back.

P.S. #15 Otherwise, you want to sleep in separate motel rooms for the rest of the weekend.

P.S. #16 If you don't want me to play the blackjack tables, how about a few side bets on a dice table? Sometimes I don't lose as many bucks on a dice table.

P.S. #17 I think that maybe because I don't know how to play the game, and I'm just lucky.

P.S. #18 Are you in the life insurance business, too?

P.S. #19 Do you give haircuts without a straight razor? She gives haircuts, but with a straight razor. So, I'm not going anywhere near her.

P.S. #20 If you give haircuts without a straight razor, I may even let you sell me some life insurance. And, I may even let you talk me into going to Las Vegas with you. If you take you boyfriend to the cleaners first. So, we can have some bucks to spend. I don't have any bucks of my own. She took care of that problem for me.

70 PRINT "HELLO."
80 PRINT "HAPPY FATHERS DAY EVERYONE."
90 PRINT "THIS IS ANOTHER [redacted] ORIGINAL"

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THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR [redacted]
THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN BY JACK BACKES.
ON MANY TIMES WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL [redacted] THAT YOU LOVE HER?
PLEASE, ENTER ANY POSITIVE NUMBER.*

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1 MOM
"I LOVE YOU, [redacted]."
THEN GO TO 400

2 MUTTI
"ICH LIEBE DICH, [redacted]."
THEN GO TO 400

3 THEN GO TO 415
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[redacted] THIS GUY IS REALLY HOOKED ON YOU!"

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PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR [redacted]
PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN BY [redacted]
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL [redacted] THAT YOU LOVE HER?
ANY POSITIVE NUMBER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-6553 (P) (3)
FBI FILE NO. 9-64577
LATENT CASE NO. B-75694

August 9, 1979

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE:

UNSUB, AKA

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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REFERENCE: Airtel 5-23-79
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles
SPECIMENS: Five pages of computer print-outs, Q1, Q2, Q8, Q9
and Q10
Envelope, Q3
Business card, Q4
Three-page letter, Q5, Q6 and Q7

The specimens are further described in a separate Laboratory report.

The specimens were examined and four latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value were developed on Q1, Q3, Q5 and Q8.

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The latent fingerprints are not identical with the

Assoc. Dir. _____ fingerprints of _____
Dep. AD Adm. _____
Dep. AD Inv. _____ No palm prints are available here for _____
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The specimens are enclosed.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-6553) (P) (3)

UNSUB, aka

Re: JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION (A)
OO: Los Angeles

FBI FILE NO.

9-64577-4

LAB. NO.

90601018 D LF

YOUR NO.

LC #B-75694

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Examination by

Noted by

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Examination requested by: Los Angeles
Reference: Airtel dated May 23, 1979
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Specimens received:

- Q1 Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 28, 1978
- Q2 Page 2 of a computer print-out
- Q3 Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Johnny Cash Artists Consultants 9200 Sunset Blvd. Suite 707 Los Angeles, Ca. 90069"
- Q4 Business card in the name of
- Q5 Page 1 of a typewritten and hand printed letter beginning "Dear John, Merry XMas and. . ." and ending ". . .Guess Who! ?"

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Page 1

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- Q6 Page 2 of a typewritten letter beginning "P.S. if why don't you ask. . ." and ending ". . . I never will."
- Q7 Page 3 of a typewritten letter beginning "If I ever want. . ." and ending ". . . problem for me."
- Q8 Page 1 of a computer print-out dated Nov. 13, 1978
- Q9 Page 2 of a computer print-out
- Q10 Page 3 of a computer print-out

7/19 lab rep sep.

Specs for new (let size) CI neg for [redacted]

No Specs. for new 4 to photo

7/11 1 lat. print of val dec on G1,

1 lat. print of val dec on G3

1 lat. print dec on G5

1 lat. print + 1 lat. pp dec on G8

No lab of val dec new spec. (over lab)

7/13 lat. print not a print [redacted]

No pp's here.

No new. Dec here for [redacted]

Page 2

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Specs end.

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Examination Completed 10:15 AM

Time

7/13

Date

Dictated

7/13/79 10:13 AM

Time

(10 end.)

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
☐ UNCLAS

Date 5/23/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
 LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-6553) (P) (3)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
 UNSUB. aka

90601018

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
 EXTORTION (A)
 OO: Los Angeles

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Title marked changed to reflect JOHNNY CASH as the victim. Title formerly carried as "UNSUB, aka [redacted] - VICTIM."

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Enclosed for the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, are two plastic envelopes containing:

- (1) Computer print-out with attached typewritten letter beginning with "Dear John" along with an envelope address to JOHNNY CASH and a business card [redacted] Chandler, Az. 85224, [redacted]
- (2) Computer print-out beginning with [redacted] dated "13-NOV-78."

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Copies of these documents are also enclosed for receiving offices.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 2)
 2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)
 2 - Phoenix (Enc. 2)
 2 - St. Louis (Enc. 2)
 2 - Los Angeles

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 (11)

(9-64577)

CARBON COPY

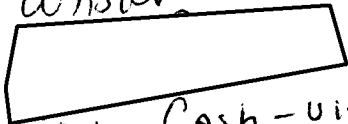
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SAC Los Angeles (9-6553) (P) (3)

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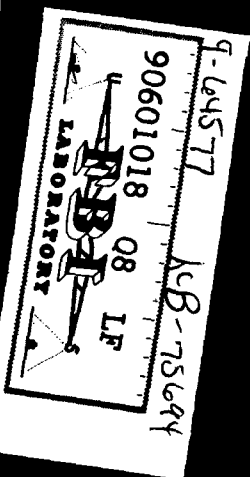
John Cash - victim;

Extortion

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110 PRINT "TH
120 PRINT "HO
130 PRINT "FLI
140, INPUT N
150 PRINT " "
160 LET C=0
200 LET C=C+1
210 PRINT C,
220 IF C=N TH
230 GO TO 300
300 LET C=C+1
310 PRINT C,
320 IF C=N TH
330 GO TO 200
400 IF N>=100
410 GO TO 500
415 PRINT " "
420 PRINT "MA
5000 END

Ready

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RUN

09:27

THIS COMPUTER
THIS COMPUTER
HOW MANY TIMES
PLEASE ENTER

67

Page 1 of a computer
print out dated Nov. 13, 1978

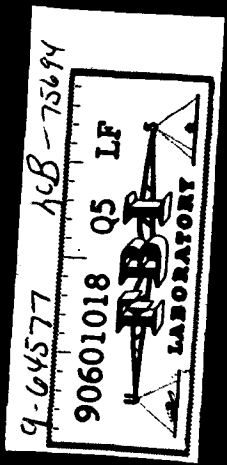
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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
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cluding your daughter.
t her for a while.

e is going to get a big
his time. I just wanted
that I won't ever for-

daughter that ever



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page 1 of a typewritten
and hand printed letter,
beginning "Dear John,"
Merry Xmas and ---
and ending "--- Guess
Who!?"

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90601018

Q3

LF



LABORATORY

Q3

Envelope bearing
hand printed address
- Johnny Cash R. T. 1000
Consultants 9200 Sunset
Bldg. Suite 707
Los Angeles, Ca. 90067

480 PRINT
490 PRINT "BYE."
500 END

Ready

RUN

21:29

28-Nov-78

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HELLO.

THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN FOR ALL OF US
AND, ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET SOMETHING

THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]
THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS TESTED AND RUN ON [REDACTED]

HOW MANY HOLIDAY WISHES WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET?
PLEASE, ENTER ANY POSITIVE NUMBER GREATER THAN

YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE AT LEAST

32

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU

1

2

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11

12

ALL OF YOU

ALL OF YOU

TO WISH

TO WISH

TO WISH

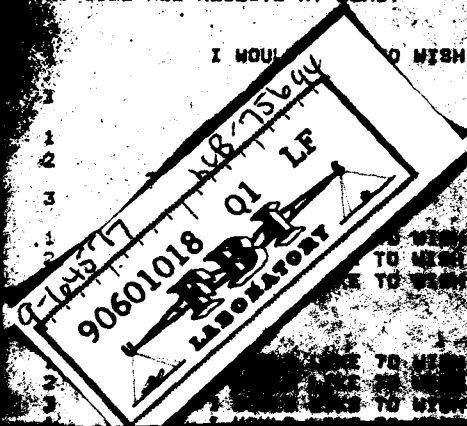
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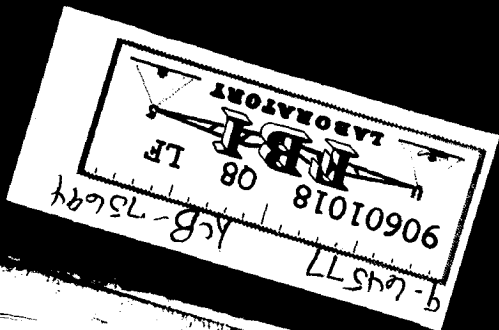
TO WISH

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Page 1 Computer print-out
dated Nov. 28, 1978



170 OTHERS DAY PR
ANOTHER
[REDACTED]
ORIGIN

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See other G8 photo

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FOI/PA# 1250401-0

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CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ SECRET
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☐ UNCLAS E F T O
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Date 12/17/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9A-2218) (P)

UNSUB - aka -

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO: MEMPHIS

112-2039

Re Memphis teletype to the Director dated 12/14/81.

Enclosed are three pages of a letter with envelope containing the threat against victim.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to photograph the enclosed letter for future examination and then provide the letter to the Latent Fingerprint Section.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine the enclosed documents for latent fingerprints.

②-Bureau (Enc. 3)
2-Memphis
CJG/ald
(4)

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b7CApproved: 

Transmitted

(Number)

(Time)

Per 

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PP HQ

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DE ME

P QRWPPZ DEC 81

FM MEMPHIS (9A-NEW) (P)

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

SPRINGFIELD IMMEDIATE

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM. EXTORTION.

00: ME

ON DECEMBER 14, 1981, THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF COUNTRY MUSIC ENTERTAINER JOHNNY CASH, HENDERSONVILLE, TENN., RECEIVED A LENGTHY RAMBLING LETTER CONTAINING A THREAT TO KILL CASH. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY [REDACTED] AND THE ENVELOPE WAS POSTMARKED CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS.

IN THE MARGIN ON ONE OF THE PAGES OF THE LETTER WAS CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"RONALD W. REAGAN AREN'T YOU PROUD OF YOUR IGNORANT ASS - GETTING HIM TO COVER FOR YOU AND THE OTHERS, AND BY DOING SO, CAUSING HIS IMPEACHMENT.' YOU WOULDN'T TELL HIM THE WHOLE TRUTH, WOULD YOU - YOU SON-OF-A-BITCH.'" / THAT STATEMENT DID NOT APPEAR TO FIT INTO THE LETTER.

RECEIVED
TELETYPE UNIT

14 DEC 81 22 00Z

FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION

Exec. AD-Adm.	
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Asst. Dir.:	
Adm. Serv.	
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DEC 22 1981

.PAGE TWO ME 9A-NEW UNCLAS E F T O

USA JOE B. BROWN, NASHVILLE, TENN., PROVIDED A PRELIMINARY
OPINION THAT THE LETTER WAS A VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION
1876. OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, MEMPHIS PROVIDED A COPY OF
THE LETTER TO U.S. SECRET SERVICE, NASHVILLE.

SPRINGFIELD AT CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS: WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
AND LOCATE INTERVIEW AND OBTAIN HANDWRITING
SAMPLES.

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE

DATE 12/15/81	CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS E F T O	PRECEDENCE PRIORITY
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FM DIRECTOR FBI

TO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The President
<input type="checkbox"/> The Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/> White House Situation Room
<input type="checkbox"/> Attn: National Security Council
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of the Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Naval Investigative Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (ATTN: SOO))
<input type="checkbox"/> Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Director CIA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U. S. Secret Service (PID)
<input type="checkbox"/> Attn: Executive Protective Service
<input type="checkbox"/> ZEN/U. S. Postal Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Attn: Chief Postal Inspector | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Regulatory Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Energy
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Treasury
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<input type="checkbox"/> Attn: Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Transportation
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<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Enforcement Administration
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<input type="checkbox"/> (Other Areas, specify CITY/STATE)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant AG for Administration
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<input type="checkbox"/> Immigration & Naturalization Service |
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(SERVICE ALSO AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES NOT LISTED. ☐
 CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR ADDRESSING INFORMATION) ☐

SUBJECT: UNSUB, AKA JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION

APPROVED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	ORIGINATOR CTB: jey	ROOM 5096/6	TELE EXT. 4294
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

1926 ZM
 DEC 15 1981

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USE OF FORM 0-73

1. Only incoming teletype messages which require transmission relay may be prepared for transmission using form 0-73. Use of form 0-73 is restricted to incoming teletype messages received within the last 3 days which require transmission relay; all other teletype messages must be prepared using form 0-93.
2. Additions such as notes and administrative data for a specific addressee are not allowed. If a note or administrative data is required for a particular addressee a separate 0-73 form must be prepared.
3. The message will be transmitted just as it appears. The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes have been made.

PREPARATION OF FORM WHICH CONSISTS OF A PREPRINTED YELLOW.

1. Complete appropriate boxes: date, classification & precedence.
2. List addresses immediately following the "TO" or place a check mark in the appropriate boxes.
3. Type or PRINT the subject in the space provided.
4. Print or type originator's name, room number and telephone extension.
5. Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the "Approved By" box.

PREPARATION OF MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED

1. Xerox 1 copy of incoming teletype message. A notation shall be made on the original incoming teletype "1 copy made for relay to SACS _____, (OR LEGATS) _____, (OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES) _____".
2. Minor editing changes shall be made on the xerox as follows: using a lead pencil ONLY draw single line through the first and last lines of the heading and connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z," figure. (DO NOT OBLITERATE THE HEADING.) Use horizontal lines to delete sentences or words. Printed changes of a word or two to the text of the message may be made; however, changes to the existing text involving more than a word or two necessitate the originator to initiate a new message using form 0-93.
3. Administrative data or notes may be typed immediately following the text and will be transmitted to all addressees.
4. When using the 0-73 form to disseminate information to field offices, Legal Attaches and other Government agencies simultaneously, the text, notes and administrative data must be identical for all addressees.

RECEIVED
TELETYPE UNIT
15 DEC 81 17 01
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P QRWPPZ DEC 81

FM MEMPHIS (9A-NEW) (P)

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

SPRINGFIELD IMMEDIATE

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM. EXTORTION.
BY TELETYPE DATED 12/14/81, FBI, MEMPHIS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:
~~00: ME~~

ON DECEMBER 14, 1981, THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF COUNTRY MUSIC
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RAMBLING LETTER CONTAINING A THREAT TO KILL CASH. THE LETTER WAS
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& Public Affs.
Telephone Rm.
Director's Sec'y

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/15/81

Re: UNSUB, ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED]
 JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM
 EXTORTION; OO: MEMPHIS

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The attached Memphis teletype advises that the office of country music entertainer Johnny Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee, received an extortion letter containing a threat to kill Cash. The letter was signed by [REDACTED] and the envelope was postmarked Champaign, Illinois.

In the margin of one page of the letter contained the following: "Ronald W. Reagan Aren't you proud of your ignorant ass - getting him to cover for you and the others, and by doing so, causing his impeachment." You wouldn't tell him the whole truth, would you - you son-of-a-bitch."

United States Attorney advised preliminary opinion was that the letter was a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 876, extortion.

The Springfield Division will attempt to identify the writer of the letter and interview him.

U. S. Secret Service advised.

APPROVED:

Director _____

Exec. AD-Adm. _____

Exec. AD-Inv. _____

Exec. AD-LES _____

Adm. Servs. _____

Crim. Inv. _____

Ident. _____

Inspection _____

Intell. _____

Laboratory _____

Legal Coun. _____

Off. of Cong. & Public Affs. _____

Rec. Mgnt. _____

Tech. Servs. _____

Training _____

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CTB:jey

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)

January 7, 1982

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 9-66412

LAB. NO. 11222039 D QJ

Re: UNSUB. aka

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: Memphis

Examination requested by: Memphis

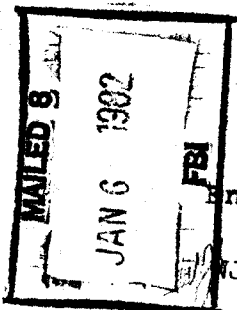
Reference: Airtel dated December 17, 1981

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (25 Lab report)

JJB:daz (4)*

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)

January 7, 1982

FBI FILE NO. 9-66412 - 3
LAB. NO. 11222039 D-Q3

Re: UNSUB, aka

[REDACTED]
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTIONb6
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Specimens received

December 22, 1981

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "CHAMPAIGN, IL 618 PM 9 DEC 1981" bearing handwritten address "John R Cash House of Cash Nashville Pike Hendersonville, Tn."
- Q2 Page one of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "President Marco's: "If Johnny Cash..."
- Q3 Page two of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "How did you like..."
- Q4 Page three of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Americans.... 'I am certain..."

Result of examination:

Q1 through Q4 were searched through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Representative copies have been added to that file for future reference purposes.

No watermarks or indented writings were found on Q1 through Q4.

Q1 through Q4 have been photographed in the event a future examination is desired. If known handwriting of suspects in this case is obtained, that writing should include numerous repetitions of the exact wording of the questioned writing on Q1 through Q4 and should be prepared on envelopes and paper similar in size and format to the questioned items.

Q1 through Q4 will be returned separately along with the results of the latent fingerprint examination.

Jaz
WJB:daz (4)*

RECORDED
12/23/81
mjc*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

12/22/81

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Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Memphis (NVRA) (9A-2218)

FBI FILE NO.

9-66412 -

LAB. NO. 11222039 D QJ

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UNSUB, aka
R [REDACTED]
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
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OO: Memphis

Examination by:

1/4/81
WJW

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Q1-4 ALF neg.

no Wm or IW Q1-4

Q1-4 photo

known has introduction -

Searched
12-22-81

7-7242-16
1/7/82
WJB: daz

physical
(Only indented writing was from top page
of previous) ie - pg 1 on pg 2 + pg 2 on pg 3.
ESDA - neg.
No watermarks

Q1 white envelope C Stamp black ink
9.47" x 4.15"
.0037

Q2 8.51" x 10.96" .0030

Q3 8.51" x 10.96" .0030

Q4 8.53 x 10.96" ~~F~~ .0030

Q4 - seems unlike Q2 + Q3

Searched - IIIA Hate TN / ILL - added
Searched - Ala, Ark, Ga, Ky, W. Va, Ind. Iowa

NSN - lab 12-22-81

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12/22/81
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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To: SAC, Memphis (MVERA) (9A-2218)

FBI FILE NO.

9-66412-3

LAB. NO.

11222039 D Q7

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Re: UNSUB, aka

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Examination by:

OO: Memphis

Examination requested by: Memphis

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*Spec's of am LFPS
Ret to ME*

2/23/82 JRC

LFPS will process and return
the submitted evidence

FILE #.....9-66412-3
CONTENTS: LAB WORKSHEET ITEMS
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EVIDENCE

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

EVIDENCE

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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1-5-82

LAH C-7190

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA)

RE: ME teletype to Director, 12/14/81.

SUB: UNSUB. aka
[REDACTED]
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM

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FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
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☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

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CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ SECRET
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☐ UNCLAS

Date 1/13/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (9A-2010) (RUC)

UNSUB, aka

JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
 EXTORTION (A);
 OO: MEMPHIS

Reference Seattle teletype to Memphis, dated December 24, 1981; Seattle teletype to Memphis and Bureau, December 31, 1981; and Seattle teletype to Memphis and Bureau, January 13, 1982.

On January 4, 1982, [redacted] Administrative Assistant, State of Washington Department of Adult Corrections, Olympia, Washington, advised Carl (NMN) Williams, Number 336329, was in Northern State Hospital (which no longer exists). Western State Hospital at Tacoma, Washington, would have information. There is no listing of a [redacted] as ever being in a Washington State Prison; however, the Parole Board has a listing of aliases, and [redacted] may be an alias. She advised that all institutions in the State of Washington have an alpha listing of all persons ever in the entire institution systems, including state hospitals. The prefix three on the above number indicates that Williams was in the Northern State Hospital.

On January 5, 1982, [redacted] Records Clerk, Health Information Services, Western State Hospital, Tacoma, telephonically advised that Carl (NMN) Williams, Number 336329, was admitted on February 18, 1954, and was deceased on October 6, 1956. No other record was available, and there was no other identifying data regarding [redacted] 7-664124

On January 5, 1982, [redacted] State of Washington, Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, Olympia, Washington,

2 - Bureau
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 1 - Seattle

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reviewed their alias listings and found only one [redacted] as an alias for [redacted] Washington State Penitentiary Number [redacted] born [redacted] She advised his file is in their Archives and will order it for review by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On January 12, 1982, [redacted] supra, furnished their file on [redacted] also known as [redacted] et al, Washington State Penitentiary Number [redacted] A review of this file disclosed the following:

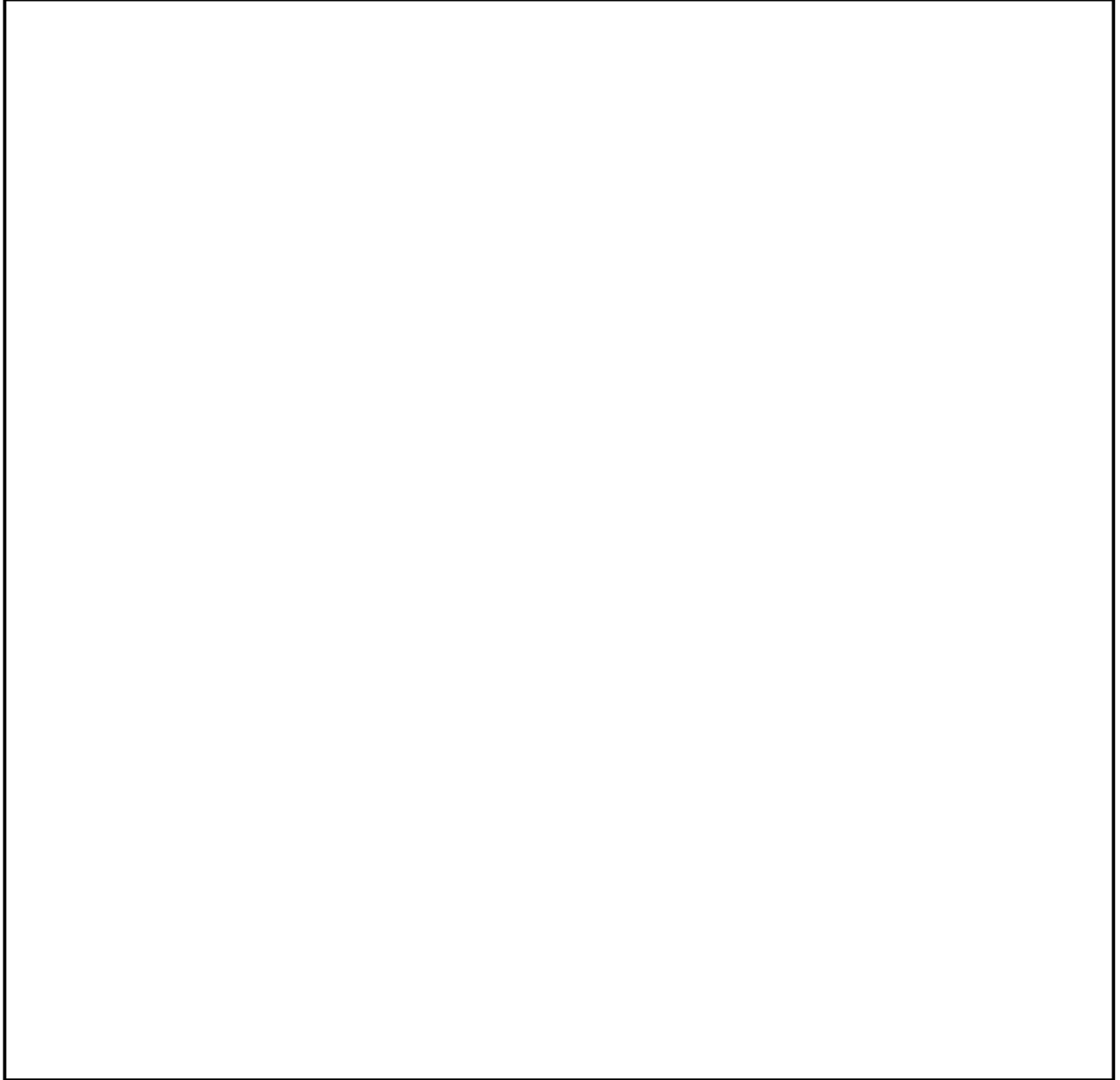
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On January 13, 1982 [redacted] Clerk, Vital Statistics Unit, State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Olympia, Washington, advised that under State of Washington Death Certificate Number 19390, Carl (NMN) Williams, born on February 28, 1909, at Tacoma, Washington, to parents Clyde Williams, a butcher, and Pearl Williams, nee Baker, died at Western State Hospital, Tacoma, Washington, on October 6, 1956.

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LEADS

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT HENDERSONVILLE, TENNESSEE

Will, if current location of [] is needed, forward lead to the Salt Lake City Division to contact the United States Probation and Parole Office at Ogden, Utah, noting [] was reportedly on Federal probation there until June 17, 1957.

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FM MEMPHIS (9A-2218) (P)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

SPRINGFIELD (9A72200) ROUTINE

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UNCLAS E F T O

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

OO: ME.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DEC. 14, 1981.

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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, IS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION, WILL CONTACT LOCAL OFFICE U. S. SECRET
SERVICE AND ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE



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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

SEATTLE ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH-VICTIM; EXTORTION

OO: MEMPHIS

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RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, ATTN: FBI LABORATORY,
12/17/81; SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, 12/26/81.

REFERENCED AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR CONTAINED A REQUEST TO
EXAMINE AN EXTORTION LETTER RE CAPTIONED MATTER FOR LATENT
FINGERPRINTS. THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO COMPARE
LATENT PRINTS FOUND ON THE PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED LETTER AND
ENVELOPE TO [REDACTED]

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SEATTLE REQUESTED TO ADVISE BUREAU OF IDENTIFYING DATA
RE [REDACTED] WHEN OBTAINED SO THAT HIS FINGERPRINTS CAN BE
CHECKED AGAINST LATENTS ON THE LETTER.

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

MEMPHIS 9A-2210 ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A);

OO: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1961; AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR AND SEATTLE, DATED DECEMBER 23, 1961.

ON DECEMBER 23, 1961, [REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTIONS, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, ADVISED THEIR DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD FOR CARL WILLIAMS, BORN FEBRUARY OF 1929, WHO REPORTEDLY WAS RECEIVED IN THE WASHINGTON STATE PENAL SYSTEM ON FEBRUARY 18, 1954. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN 1954, THE WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY AT WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, WAS THEIR ONLY PENAL INSTITUTION. SHE ADVISED SHE WILL MAKE FURTHER CHECKS AND ADVISE.

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ON DECEMBER 21, 1981, [REDACTED] DRIVER'S LICENSE
SECTION, STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, OLYMPIA,
ADVISED SHE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WASHINGTON DRIVER'S LICENSE
FOR CARL WILLIAMS, BORN FEBRUARY OF 1909.

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SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. WILL REPORT
RESULTS OF ADDITIONAL CHECKS BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]
BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTIONS.

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

MEMPHIS (9A-2218) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB; AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM, EXTORTION,

OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BBUREAU AND SPRINGFIELD, DECEMBER 14,
1981; MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
DECEMBER 17, 1981; AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD, DECEMBER 30,
1981.

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FOR INFORMATION, FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, ON DECEMBER 22, 1981, [REDACTED]

ILLINOIS STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR ADULT PAROLE SERVICE,
202 WEST HILL, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THE ONLY [REDACTED]

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THEY HAVE IS A [REDACTED] WHO IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED
IN ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, AND WHO IS
SERVING TIME [REDACTED] AND HAS
ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY NO. [REDACTED] ON JANUARY 4, 1982, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RECORDS OFFICE, VANDALIA CORRECTIONAL CENTER, VANDALIA,
WAS CONTACTED AND SHE ADVISED THEY HAVE A [REDACTED] (NO
MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL), HAVING ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY,
VANDALIA NO. [REDACTED] WHO IS DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LAST KNOWN ADDRESS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHO WAS RECEIVED AT VANDALIA FROM
JOLIET, ILLINOIS, ON DECEMBER 3, 1980, AND IS SERVING TIME [REDACTED]

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REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION: MEMPHIS HAS REQUESTED FINGERPRINTS OF
[REDACTED] BE COMPARED WITH ANY LATENT
PRINTS OF VALUE FOUND ON THE LETTER SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY
BY MEMPHIS ON DECEMBER 17, 1981.

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

MEMPHIS 9A-2218 ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A);

OO: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1981; AND SEATTLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS, DATED DECEMBER 31, 1981.

INVESTIGATION BY SEATTLE DIVISION AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, DETERMINED THAT CARL (NMN) WILLIAMS, BORN FEBRUARY 28, 1909, AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON, DIED AT WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, ON OCTOBER 6, 1956. IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT A [REDACTED] WAS AN ALIAS FOR [REDACTED] ET AL, [REDACTED]

LAST KNOWN TO BE ON FEDERAL PROBATION IN OGDEN, UTAH, EXPIRING JUNE 17, 1957, [REDACTED]

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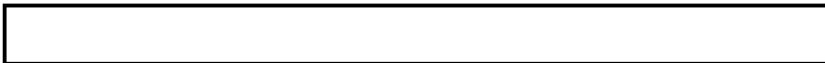
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AT BUTTE, MONTANA.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE LATENT
PRINTS FOUND ON THE PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED LETTER AND ENVELOPE TO



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. **9-2218 (P)**
FBI FILE NO. **9-66412**
LATENT CASE NO. **C-7190**

February 23, 1982

TO: **SAC, Memphis**RE: **UNSUB.. AKA**

**JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

REFERENCE:
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Memphis, Seattle and Springfield**
SPECIMENS: **Q1, envelope
Q2 through Q4, three-page letter**

The Q items are further described in a separate
Laboratory report.

Sixty-two latent fingerprints of value were
developed on Q1 through Q4.

The latent fingerprints are not the fingerprints of

The specimens are enclosed.

Enc. (4)

1 - Springfield (9A-2200) (P)
1 - Seattle (9A-2010)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 1/6/82

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Received 1/5/82

To: SAC, Memphis (WFA) (92-2213)(P)

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Re: [REDACTED]
JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: Memphis

Examination requested by: Memphis

Noted By:

Reference: Airtel dated December 17, 1981

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received: December 22, 1981

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "CHAMPAIGN, IL 618 PM 9 DEC 1981" bearing handwritten address "John R. Cash, House of Cash, Nashville Pike Hendersonville, Tn."
- Q2 Page one of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "President Marco's: 'Is Johnny Cash...'"
- Q3 Page two of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "How did you like..."
- Q4 Page three of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Americans.... 'I am certain...'"

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Examination Completed

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Dictated

Date

1- Springfield (9A-2200)

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 1/6/82

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Reference No: 9A-2200(P)

Received: 1/5/82

FBI File No: 9-6642

Latent Case No: C-7190

Answer to: SAC, SPRINGFIELD

Examination requested by: ADDRESSEE

Copy to:

RE: UNSUB:

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JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
EXTORTIONb6
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Specimens:

SPRINGFIELD

TELETYPE 1/4/82

MEMPHIS TELETYPE 12/29/81

SEATTLE Teletypes 1/1/82 + 1/14/82

Named Suspect:

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Result of examination:

Examination by:

Evidence noted by:

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Examination completed

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TO DIRECTOR (ROUTINE)

MEMPHIS (9A-2218) ROUTINE

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JOHN R. CASH -

VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO: ME.

TITLE MARKED "CHANGED" TO REFLECT SUBJECT'S IDENTITY AND FULL
NAME. TITLE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] JOHN
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RE ME TEL TO BU, DEC 13, 1981; SI TEL TO ME, JAN 26, 1982

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SI DIVISION FORWARDING DATA RE INVESTIGATION AT FAIRFIELD, IL,
UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

LEADS RE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] SHOULD BE DIRECTED LV DIVISION BY

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Memorandum



To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Date: 4/14/82

From: *wfb/8* SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9A-2218) (4)

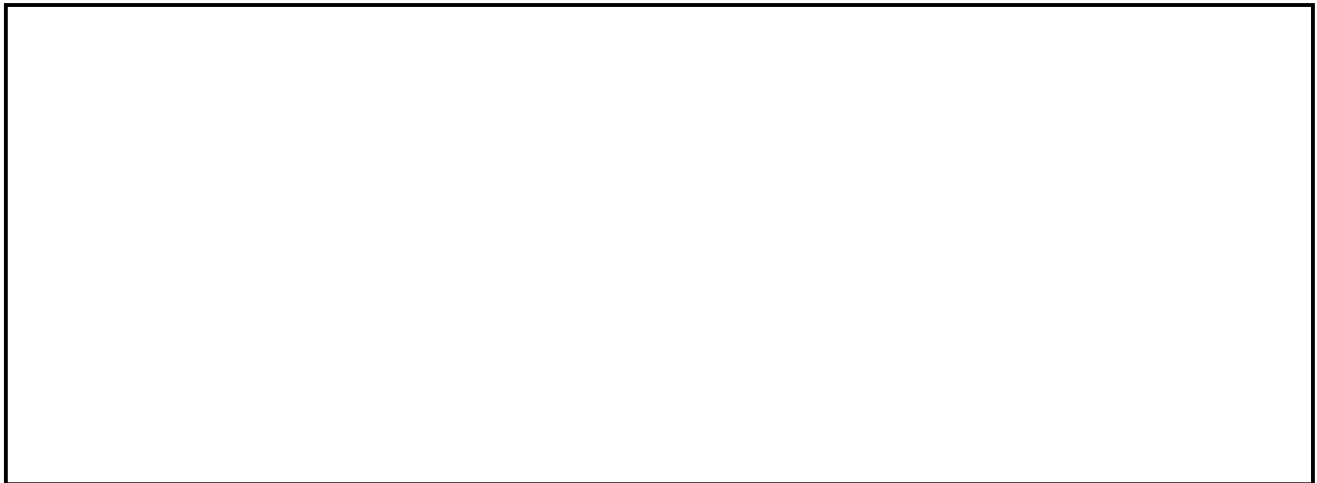
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JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM;
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OO: ME

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UNSUB, aka [Redacted] JOHN R. CASH - VICTIM; EXTORTION
OO: ME.

Re Memphis letter to FBIHQ dated 12/14/81.



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No further investigation is being conducted by the
Memphis Division of the FBI [Redacted]

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Q1, envelope

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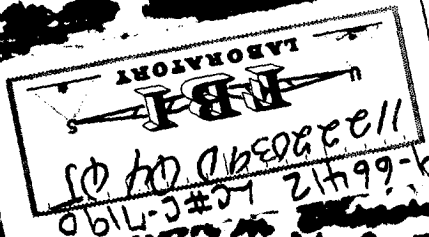
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John R. Cash - Victim
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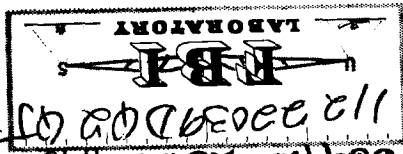


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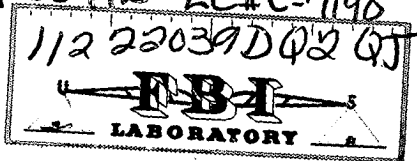
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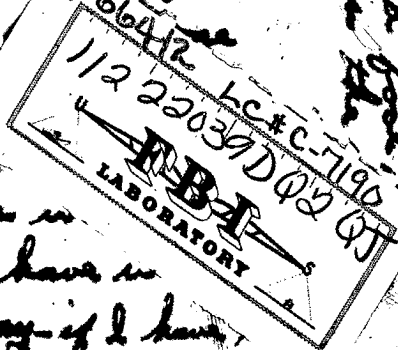
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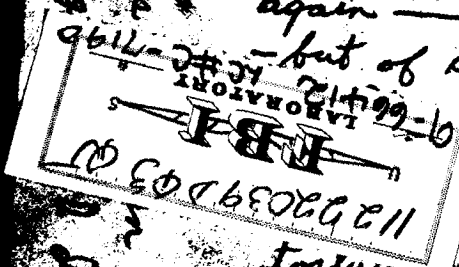
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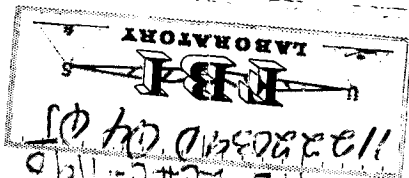
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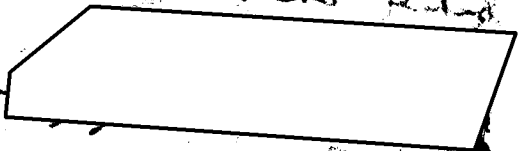
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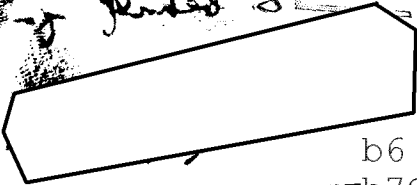
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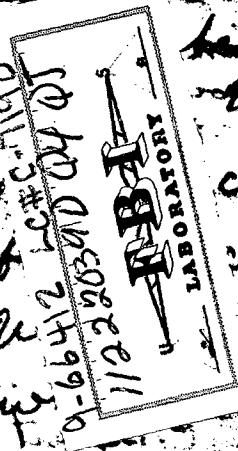
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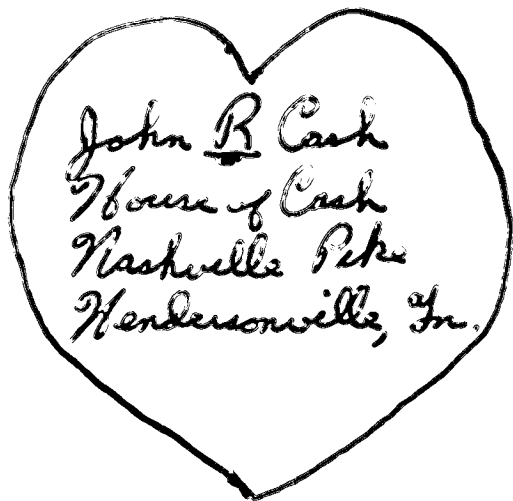
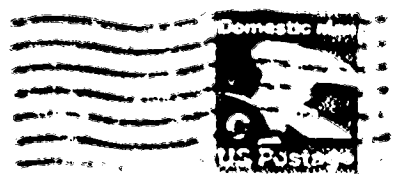
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President Marco's: "If Johnny Cash ever sets foot in the Philippine Islands again - I will have him shot on sight! Viva La Filipino!"

John R Cash,

900,000,000 Chinese near & your gate, Cash. The Soviet Union has no use for you. All of the Arab Countries now despise you! England now thinks you a fool. 800,000,000 American think you the stupidest mind in America; perhaps the world.

Have you looked up the Laws governing Plagiarism yet? Those concerning Slavery, Grand Larceny, Bribery - oh yes, all those Tax Laws? The Declaration of Independence - "These Inalienable Rights - Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness - are guaranteed! You broke all of these.... Did you enjoy the Cowlitz County Fair while stealing from me? J.W. Kelly Plumbing and Heating must be really fond of you after you and yours had the Green slime to back up in my bathtub, isn't that a nice way for Youth For Christ-Columbia Singer - and you to earn your way into the penitentiary (P.R. 2071). I was there once myself - "You not going to Nashville - you going to Memphis." This one was really Christian of you, - while sick from your Forced Drugs - and then when at (perhaps) your future home - Walla Walla Prison - you had them Force me to take Waldol - a drug you knew might Kill me. There are Laws about Attempted Premeditated Murder also. "Down Life's Road of Sin" - do you sing it often now? How about all of the others? How about "Hero," "A Moment Of Glory," (the entire United States Armed Forces is ready to kill you for that one) - "I'm A Dreamer," song "Beach Owners" - Book "Bosephus" You are a fuckin' idiot, and so are the rest of the motherfuckers that, "joined right in there!" You cocksuckin' faggot punk - I ought to take a 12 gauge and blow your illiterate fuckin' ass into right on a fuckin' stage! Had I known you financially backed the cocksuckin' anti-war demonstrators - you would have been ~~that~~ ~~that~~ last fuckin' place I would have went for any fuckin' thing! 12 gauge - I still may - if I have to!

The populations of Chile, Uruguay - soon all Countries of the world will be screaming for your stupid ass!

Every C.B. radio in trucks, cars, buses, is working over time asking for you and [] and the others too!

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How did you like "Interpretation of The Hangman." Scared the fuckin Jesus out of [] didn't it fuckhead. "The Little Yellow Horse" I'll have to write again — I'll call it "The Little Yellow Man in Black." — but of course the ending will be much different.

How any man/group of men could stand by/force the suffering & endured during the last eleven-plus years is impossible to believe. You are/and were men Animals torturing your Prey. Some of you are going to go to Death-Row — and Filming as you and the others did aboard United States Naval Base — constituting TREASON! This automatically means the Death Penalty. But, then you heard me beg for death, and did not care. Some and time again I literally begged you to stop torturing me, but you acted like some kind of ghouliah non-human. — the Nazis themselves were more humane.... You spoke of Functional Illiterates to Gov. Alexander — just what in the fuck do you call yourself? You must have a syphilitic morbid brain to accept an award "for your work against illiteracy." And, then to go on with a Christmas Special to further Rape the minds of America — after committing the most horrible deeds of Plagiarism — plus the other Hideous Inhumane Acts against me! I will see you burn in Hell, before I let a grotesque Animal like you ever again rape the minds of America's Children!

My Heritage is Country Music — but mostly my Heritage is America — and "There is an Eagle Flying Over This Country — Over Amber Waves of Grain, and a Big Ol' Flag a-wavin' — for those that would be

Ronald G. Reagan — and you proud of your ignorant ass — getting him to cover for you and the others and by going so, causing him embarrassment! You wouldn't tell him the whole truth, would you — you son-of-a-bitch!

"I guess they can call you a Jawn Trak...."
but, right now I don't think you can say: "I can hear Jawn Calling My Name."

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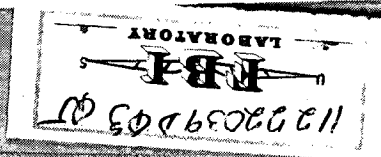
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Much Sheet! If you do not do the above
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 could be the motive for not leaving a
 receipt - because then nobody knows
 What or How Much - Only the
 Saboteur or Thief knows! Of course
 during time of War in Uncle Sam's
 Yacht Club the punishment could be
Death, - You know - like some
 conscientious objecting Motherfuckers
 did during the Vietnam War! - meaning,
 this kind of National Security Advisor
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 Child Murdering son-of-a-bitch that
 places "SAND" in the Ejection Seat
 (Johnny had put a little sand in my shoe)
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Plagerism - I know you are already
 aware of - You are Written - You
 know the Dangers - So, give 'em Hell
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"Big ol' Bigfoot" - the forgotten Dream song was a piece of shit - like you and the others turned out to be. Don't read that apocryphal book for me - the fuckin' things Plagiarized! If you. Cuckoo!

American...." I am certain that MacArthur, Admiral "Ball" Halsey, Chester W. Nimitz, George S. Patton and have more than once turned over in their graves because of you and those that would make a mockery out of Human Decency - and by doing so - a mockery out of America. Now, there are many of us who get sick at the sound of Country Music coming over an airwave, because it may be a Plagiarized song. Wank Williams said it best - "A tongue can accuse and carry bad news - the seeds of distrust it can sow - but unless you have made no mistakes in your life - be careful of the stones that you throw." Or, Jesus, "Let he that is without sin cast the first stone." You and yours listened to neither, and now you speak of others as being Functionally Illiterate.... You and those others have brought Shame and Degradation to Country Music and to the Entertainment World. Now that I know the names of those involved - I sometimes want to personally kill all of you, and I could do so without flinching or eyelid. I haven't, because I happen to love God, the United States, and the Flag which is the symbol for all of the above.

Illiteracy is not just Reading & Writing. It Never has been.... Illiteracy in Thinking is much worse. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 should have made this plain to you. Because a person could not read or write did not mean he/she was not intelligent enough to vote! I am in Illinois - not far away. Richard M. Nixon, is about ready to initiate proceedings in my behalf - and the behalf of-

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"I don't remember Broadway being so dirty" - it's just "Country Blues" - but "Oh my Did it turn out just to be a mistake"



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JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
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Enclosed for Seattle are the following: one copy of FD-302 of review of threatening letter sent to the Johnny Cash family; one copy of FD-302 of [redacted] one copy of FD-302 of Johnny Cash; and one copy of the letter received by the Cash family.

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On 5/13/80, [redacted] of country music star Johnny Cash, furnished to the FBI an original letter received at the House of Cash, Hendersonville, Tennessee, during the week 5/4-10/80.

This letter appears to be from [redacted]
[redacted] The letter contains possible veiled threats against the Cash family. In this letter [redacted] advised Johnny Cash's father will soon die. [redacted] appears to be mentally unstable and possibly potentially dangerous.

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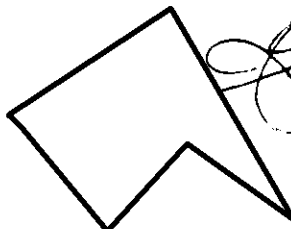
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Lead for interview of subject is not being set
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At Seattle, Washington

On 5/28/80, Seattle indices reflected a Seattle file number 9-1620, entitled [REDACTED] Victim; Extortion, OO: Seattle. The Seattle file was opened on 3/3/75 and closed on 6/27/75. A file review was conducted on [REDACTED] which appears to be identical with subject.

On 3/3/75, [REDACTED] received an envelope postmarked 3/1/75 at Woodland, Washington. This letter states that [REDACTED] was to be released from Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Washington, within the week and given certain other items including \$1,000 or [REDACTED] would be killed. Interview of father of [REDACTED] revealed envelope was received by [REDACTED] and was received in a letter from his son, sealed, stamped, and addressed, and was mailed by his father on 3/1/75 at Woodland, Washington. Extortion letter and handwriting samples of [REDACTED] examined at FBI Laboratory and it was established that [REDACTED] wrote extortion note. No latent prints found on note. On 3/21/75, facts of this case discussed with AUSA, Seattle, and he stated he will present the matter to the Federal Grand Jury, Seattle, 4/1/75; case was presented to Federal Grand Jury, Seattle, Washington and True Bill returned charging [REDACTED]

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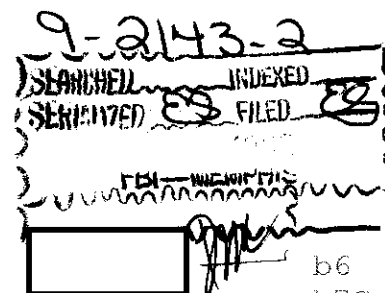
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (MVRA)(9-2143)

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SUBJECT: "CHANGED" (IO)

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JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM - 7-2143
 EXTORTION (A)
 OO: MEMPHIS

Title marked "Changed" (IO) to show subject's true name.

Reference Memphis airtel to Seattle dated 5/13/80.

Enclosed for Memphis are one (1) copy each of a photograph of subject, investigative insert concerning file review at Seattle, Washington, subject's FBI rap sheet, Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Washington, Sociologist's Overview dated August 7, 1979, and August 13, 1979, Parole Board, State of Washington, Decision.

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The enclosures provide a thumbnail sketch of subject's background and assessment of his assaultive nature and mental stability.

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Date of transcription 5/15/80

Johnny Cash, country music star, furnished the following information:

Mr. Cash advised he has read the threatening letters that had been addressed to him and/or his family. Mr. Cash is of the opinion the letters are from religious fanatics or mentally unstable individuals. He advised, "These are the kind of people that will kill you because they are not afraid of dying."

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Mr. Cash advised the text of the letter from [redacted] indicates he knows the Cash family very well. This has Mr. Cash very concerned.

Mr. Cash does not know either of the individuals who sent the letters nor does he know why they sent the letters.

Investigation on 5/13/80 at Hendersonville, Tennessee File # ME 9-2143-7
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by SC [redacted] jn Date dictated 5/14/80

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Date of transcription 5/15/80

[redacted] House of Cash, telephone
824-5110, furnished the following information:

[redacted] of country music
star Johnny Cash.

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[redacted] advised that Johnny Cash and his
family have been the victims of letters containing veiled
threats. Some of these letters were sent by an individual
identifying himself as [redacted]

[redacted] One letter was sent by [redacted]
[redacted]

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The Cash family does not know either of these
individuals. They have no idea why they are writing the
letters.

[redacted] furnished the original letters and
envelopes to the FBI.

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Date of transcription 5/15/80

A review of the letter received from [REDACTED]
by the Johnny Cash family revealed the following information:

This letter consists of four handwritten pages.
It was mailed from Walla Walla, Washington on March 13, 1980.
This letter was received at the House of Cash, Henderson-
ville, Tennessee, during the week of May 4 - 10, 1980.

A copy of this letter is attached.

Investigation on 5/13/80 at Nashville, Tennessee File # ME 9-2143-9
by SC [REDACTED] /jn Date dictated 5/14/80

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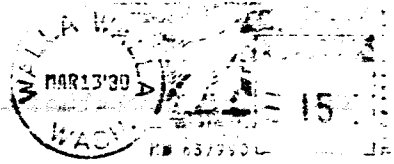
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*Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Cash
Zondragon publishing house
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505*

*House of Cash
Hendersonville TN 37075*

Please send this letter to Johnny Cash's home Thank you

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7/7/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (9-1915)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-2143-NVRA) (C)
SUBJECT:

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JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)

(OO: ME)

Re Seattle airtel dated 6/19/80.

On 7/1/80, U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District
of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, declined prosecution in
this matter due to subject's

In view of USAs declination, no further action is
being taken re this matter.

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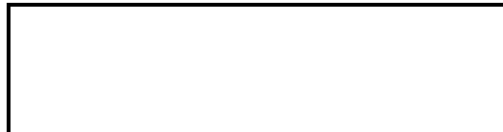
Memphis, Tennessee

July 7, 1980

Honorable Hal Hardin, Jr.
United States Attorney
879 US Courthouse
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Attention: Ms. Aleta Arthur
Assistant United States Attorney

RE:



JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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Dear Mr. Hardin:

This is to confirm the conversation between Special Agent Raimon L. Patton and Ms. Aleta Arthur on July 1, 1980 concerning the following:

On May 13, 1980, [redacted] of country music star Johnny Cash, advised Mr. Cash had received a letter from [redacted] which she considered threatening.

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Subsequent investigation by the FBI revealed [redacted]



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[REDACTED]

Ms. Arthur advised she would decline prosecution in this matter due to [REDACTED] continued incarceration.

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In view of Ms. Arthur's opinion, no further action is being taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J. BEAVERS
Special Agent in Charge

By: [REDACTED]

Supervisory Special Agent

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memorandum

DATE: 7/10/80

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SSRA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
ME file 9-2143 (C)

[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
ME file 9-2144 (P)

To: SAC, MEMPHIS

The purpose for this memorandum is to set forth reasons for utilization of IC's [REDACTED] in captioned matters.

In response to a telephonic request made by [REDACTED] of country music star Johnny Cash, to pick up "crank" letters mailed to the House of Cash, two IC's assigned to Nashville were utilized for that purpose. While at the House of Cash, IC's were met by Johnny Cash and they interviewed Cash re the letters.

Normally in a matter such as this Agents would be utilized; however, at the time there were no Agents available to respond. In view of Agent unavailability, plus the fact that I have a great deal of confidence in the professional demeanor of both [REDACTED] I elected to send them to the House of Cash to pick up the "crank" letters.

The IC's performed this assignment in their usual outstanding fashion and have set out appropriate lead material to identify and develop background on the subjects.

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(2) [Signature]



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9-2143) (C)



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JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
OO: Memphis

On 5/13/80, [redacted] of country music star Johnny Cash, advised Mr. Cash had received a letter from [redacted] which she considered threatening. On 5/13/80, Johnny Cash and [redacted] [redacted] furnished the letter to the FBI.

Subsequent investigation revealed [redacted]



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On 7/1/80, Assistant U. S. Attorney Aleta Arthur, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, advised she would decline prosecution in this matter due to [redacted]

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[redacted] In view of AUSA Arthur's opinion, no further action is being taken in this matter.

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Field File No.

OO and File No. ME 9-2143-1A'

Date Received

From

[Redacted]

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Walla Walla, WA

(STATE)

By

[Redacted]

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

One (1) photo

[Redacted]

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5-13-80

[redacted], House of Cash

Johnny Cash's [redacted]

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~~Structure~~ letters rec'd from
[redacted]

Cash family does not know
either of the individuals. Have
no idea why they're writing letters.

Furnished letters + envelopes
to FBI.

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OO and File No. 9-2143-1A³

Date Recd. 5-13-80

From _____

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

House of Cash

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Hendersonville, TN

By SC _____

(NAME)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

Orig letter +
envelope re

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This letter is To [redacted] and
[redacted] and June Carter Cash

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Hi, My friends I Thought I'd write you all in one letter
My name is [redacted] I've been in The Music business
since The 1960's I produced My first Song which I wrote in
1963 it also Made a invention for Chris presley. I would like
To have you family as My real friends. I'm planning To get
My own band Together and get into The professional Music
and Music Scene. I hope you'll do Me a favor, I wrote 2
Songs which are going To be recorded by RCA Records
hopefully in California. I would like To have you do Me
a favor June when you and Johnny Cash have your
next concert Take along [redacted] I want him To
~~sing a Song I wrote. This Song is To only be Sung by~~
one Man and his Name is Johnny Rush he's a Chris impersonator
and he is very good and he sounds idemacule To
Elvis, I want [redacted] To sing This Song on Stage
before The audience in Nashville The Song is To be done
in a Slow beat and sung slow but Tell him To put a
lot of Love and understanding in The Song. If anyone
Try's To cause you problem's with The song which They
will, Show Them I gave approval for [redacted] To sing
The song. See My Contract stated That anyone singing This
song will be fined \$15,000 Thousand Dollars if used in a
concert of any kind of any shape or form and That a person
can get 10 years in prison or Both. Why I asked for My
Song be set up That away is because My first record was
Sold and published without Me getting credit for My Song
in The 1960's and I didnt get no Money from The Song and
I was very upset and hurt from it. June My Contract
with RCA is so well Together Nobody can break legally or
in any other ways. June I'd also say dont be a fool and

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Try and publish This song because I'm a Very Together young
 Man in Many ways and plus I have 5 lawyers working
 for Me and any Trouble Comes of The song, I don't care how
 it is women or child or Music Company's I'll destroy Them
 without a blink of a eye. I'm That well Together and I have
 the power of The Treasury department of Washington D.C. So
 I Think This will get you a hint of how Much power I still
 hold. We lost a lot of My power and Togetherness but I still
 have a lot of power To Destroy Company's and family
 alike I don't play games and never will, I have To Much
 Class for That bullshit. So My friend Don't be a fool with
 something you don't know Nothing about or how its set
 up because I Play 10 To 95 percent More dangerous Than
 any body plays in There life with Things, I'm a important
 Man That Might be able To help Change The Music Scene
 and do away with punk rock and roll and have it abandon
 ded and stoped its ruining american Music in My book and
 other peoples books because its sick and its got To stop every
 were including England [redacted] Do you know I've always
 wanted To Meet you, you are very special To Me and I'd like
 To get to know you better as a person and a human being
 you are very Conciterate and understanding That's what I
 like in a Women of your Nature. Honey, you are also a special
 woman as your [redacted] you have The knowledge of The
 Bible and you have The wisdom To walk with god in his most
 highly sain walk of The Century's, use your knowledge of The
 Bible and preach gods word and Don't let satan stand or
 get in your way and Do Not get involved with The
 holy roller That's a fake religion and That's The lowest
 Church going before going into The gates of hell I do Not
 want To see you in that situation and if I ever hear
 you in There Church I'll be There To get you out of
 There because I've seen That church ruin Many

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god's appointed Children and I don't want you to be one of them, god has a Special Purpose for you and the ones I mention, god has give me the power to pick out these people who are special in my eyes to someday reign in heaven with him as his servant of god. He is the all mighty and most powerful god of the universe and heavens and stars and planets and of the world. Do these things for him that I mention and you'll find a big and greater change in your life and the people around you, these lives will be changed to [redacted], you a very special young lady you will be married to a young man who is not very famous or popular with people, he will grow in many ways he will become famous as a preacher and a musician it will take time on your part and his part to grow with each other and understand one another. God will be by your side and his for eternal life. Do [redacted] my little friend and someone I think a lot of, [redacted] understand this I'm about to say [redacted] Many years ago I had a drug problem like your Daddy had, my problem was about 7 times worse than your Daddy's. He's a good man but he needs to understand a lot of things about himself as a person and understanding his family and friends. Tell him to find the people he can trust the most, because someday he'll need them a lot. See [redacted] I can see into the future and I know that god is going to destroy many of your dad's friends for things they have done to people in the united States. You might lose a lot of friends and become unpopular in Country Music because this is god's way of showing you and your family that he cares in many other ways to help you and god wanted me to give you the message because someday you'll understand you are god's 2 child in a very special ways he says he loves you and he's concerned about you and you up

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bringing he says he'll never part from you know
Matter if you go to jail or prison or wherever you go
he'll always be there and he love you, Do not ever
give up your hope in god. Someday soon all this
wickedness and wrong dealing and wrong does will
all be destroyed. So he says never give up on Me beca
use the right time will come and all of these things
will be destroyed. walk lightly in the lords and in
Gods foot steps and in gods house he loves you and he
cares. Johnny Tell your [redacted]

[redacted] and your Mother that god is concern with
them and these lives, god gave Me a Message saying your
father will die shortly in the near future and you family
might have a hard time sticking together as a family. He
says do his word and preach the bible to others so other
people will come to know god and his word. Johnny I
wonder if you can do Me a favor, the song you had
published and recorded, would you mind if I recorded
them on a record with other songs I'm planing to
record in the near future? The Circle Be un Broken
Johnny, God gave Me a Message to give to you and June
and your hole band and your Music set up that at the
ending of each concert you perform in the united
State to sing one of gods favorite songs The Circle Be
un Broken. Johnny you made a very wise choice when
you married June, I think you know how she is a very
special lady, have her help you more with your Music busi-
ness and many other things grow in life and multiply
and become many. Its god will and way.

Love from a
Christian friend [redacted]
[redacted]

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TO: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (9-2144) c Adv
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9-2144) (P)

[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
OO: MEMPHIS

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Enclosed for Oklahoma City are the following:
one copy of FD-302 of [REDACTED] one copy of FD-302
of Mr. Johnny Cash; one copy of FD-302 of review of letters
received by the Cash family; and one copy each of four
letters written by subject [REDACTED]

On 5/13/80, [REDACTED] of country
music star Johnny Cash, furnished to the FBI letters which
were received at the House of Cash, Hendersonville, Ten-
nessee, during the week of 5/4-10/80. These letters contain
veiled threats to the Cash family.

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These letters appear to be from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] From the text of these
letters it appears [REDACTED] is possibly mentally unstable
and potentially dangerous. It should be noted that [REDACTED]
advised in one of the letters he had come to the House of
Cash and had talked to a guard.

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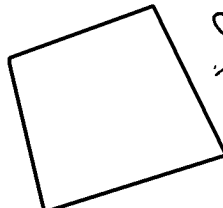
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OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. Will check indices re the
name [REDACTED] Conduct criminal check with
local and state authorities. Obtain photograph of [REDACTED]
Attempt to ascertain current whereabouts of [REDACTED]

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2 - Memphis
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Lead to interview [] is not being set forth
at this time.

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Date of transcription 5/15/80

A review of letters received by the Johnny Cash family from [redacted] revealed the following information:

[redacted] mailed a total of four letters consisting of handwritten pages.

In the latest letter dated May 1, 1980, [redacted] advised he is going to "make plans - September 11, 1980." [redacted] does not go into further detail concerning what will happen on September 11, 1980.

A copy of these letters is attached.

Investigation on 5/13/80 at Nashville, Tennessee File # ME 9-2144-2
by SC [redacted] /jn Date dictated 5/14/80

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Fuck WAR Dig my Grave
I HOPE GET 100%

Send me papers
ABOUT CANADA
I need welfare -
r check.

disability dismissed

AM SICK AND TIRED OF
THIS Fucking Country
Tired of PLAYING CRAZY
DON'T WANT TO WORK
USA SUCKS DICKS
GOD I PRAY TO YOU
SEND HAIL STORMS
Tornadoes, Hurricanes
against America.

I WOULD RATHER
HAVE FOOD STAMPS
AND BUS TICKET

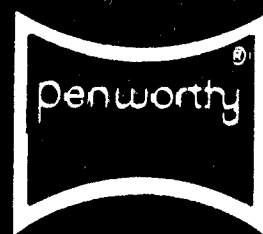
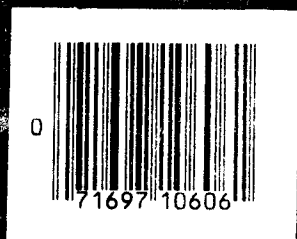
IN GOD WE TRUST
GREEN BACK DOLLAR
AFTER VIETNAM LOVES /SSG
/CAMEC

AMES

DON'T HAVE

BOY OF MINE
I LOVE TO HAVE
PREGNANT WIFE
VIETNAM GREAT
COUNTRY

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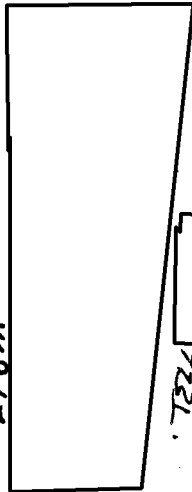


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CASH House
John Cash
General Delivery
Hendersonville, TENN
USA
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From



TELL THAT WHORE (get screwed)

I AM TOO LAZY TO WORK
TO SMART *
J. CASH IS A THIEF
SEND ME MY MONEY
FOR SONGS (WORDS I SENT YOU
IN MAIL)
NOW
BASTARD

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HOPE IRAN WINS

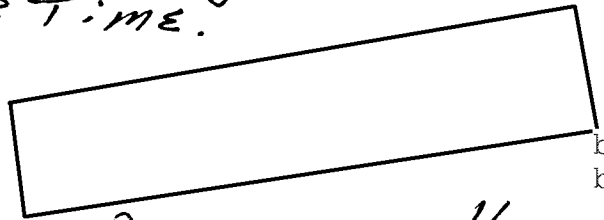
TO THE INTEREST of Cleanliness
of STREETS I PRAY
MUCH RAIN down Rush
of Springs. IF I could
LOVE A woman AS much
AS THE RAIN. PERCS
AND ASSUREDLY!!

I LOVE so much
IF only my HEART
CAN TRUST. I LOVE
THE LORD GOD
I KNOW His power
on a PERPETUAL
End of NO-basis.

I TRULY LOVE my
HEART ACNE THE
TRUTH BUT THE
UNSTANCATED
LOVE OF my
HEART I GIVE

IF PRAY IT BE THE
LOVE OF MY HEART
BUT TO CRY: I MY
FOR YOU MORE THAN
MYSELF

JOHN I ASK YOU READ:-:
FROM MICA: Holy Bible
FORWARD TIL YOU FIND
THE TIME.



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I PRAY FOR YE MUCH
I LOVE YE

CONSOLIDATE FOR
DIRECTIONAL FOR YOUTHS
THAT KNOW LOVE
NOT HATE OF LOVE
I PRAY FIND LIFE:-:

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

[Signature]

MR.

John R. As. R. Time Master

MRS.

General Delivery

HENDERSONVILLE, TENN.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



MAY 1, 1980

~~HH~~
~~AT~~

John I didnt get letter chance
to read you sent me.

IF you got my money ALL right
BUT I dont you BETTER
Burn Psycho Billy Cadillac
CAUSE gas does burn.

I BETTER get my money for
Song (words) I sent you.

I GOT PATAince ^{I make plans} SEPT 11, 1980
I CAME TO CASH House Pig
COP LAUGH AT ME TELL THAT
FUCKING PUNK EAT SHIT
CAUSE I AM CRAZY LIKE
FOX.

USE PLOTS TO MAKE
money send me.
chicken SHIT

I AM NOT dumb
but OKC is my Home
Sent me my
money

my girl friend says
JCASH is bastard
A KNIFE SHOULD BE
TAKEN TO LEOPARD
SKIN ROOM

I NOT give PLANS
I HAVE more MOVIES
AND A STAR MOVIE
OLE TIL I GET
MONEY 11 SEPT 1980

AD AMES
I HAVE Ideas
FUCK YOU BETTER NOT
TRY BULLSHIT
me.
big fine.
(PSYCHO)

My PLANS
I PATENT
NO MONEY
Hope you
don't trying
Fucking me
over.

S.

Tom R. Love and

June Carter

and



THE LOVE and

LIBERTY



Tom R. Love
General Delivery
Herdsonville, Tennessee

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John 8:4 whoremonger

O ye generation of vipers

ye children are like

ye core fathers

I pray to God he

break the solar roof

of white house Washington

ye generation who kill Jesus

the Christ and who I pray

God they know I am

God servant,

the Daughters of your wife

are filth you holly wood

movie stars made them

false idols (men)

I pray to God he destroy

your museum (you pay

taxes to censor Washington D.C.)

To kill my son I have

not got a wife

I FEAR THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

AM I

AM I NOT A PROPHET.

How BE IT GOD'S LOVE DWELL
in A MAN AND SEE HIS BROTHER
in need. I HAVE ONE MORE
HARDER FOR HIM (TO GET INTO KINGDOM
OF GOD (HEAVEN) THAN A CAMEL
GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE

I WHO TRAMPLED ON Vipers
THIEVES AMERICANS.

I DON'T WANT BUT TRUTH
OF GOD: THEY LIE

I SHALL DWELL IN THE
HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER
LAW OF PROPHETS

DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU
DO UNTO OTHERS HAVE
YOU DO UNTO THEM
AS YOU WOULD THEY
DO UNTO YOU

THOU O GOD BLESS
THE U.S.A. FILTHY AMERICA

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WHY OBOO YAHWEH

LORD ALL MIGHTY

HAVE I NO HOME ON EARTH
AND CAR AND WIFE

BECAUSE I GAVE MORE

YOU LOVE LORD GOD

MY HEART OVERWHELMS
ME. MY PAIN.

EARTH IS AND WAS A TRAP
FROM THE WOMB.

MY FATHER OF FLESH DISHONORS
ME. TRUTH.

LORD THEIR HEARTS

I FEAR THEE O LORD

DESTROY AMERICA. WHO
HATES ME. ALLELUIA

I PRAY THEY KILL ME

THEY DONE ME SO SORRY.

THEIR DAUGHTERS ARE NOT

FIT TO BE MY WIFE?
IS IT TRUE

THE FILTH IN THEIR

TONGUES. ABBA PAPA, I
FATHER.

KILL THE DAUGHTERS NEXT

SON. THEY SAY I PRAY

LOVE ME GOD.

OH HOW MY HEART MY
TEARS. I HURT THEIR
THREATS DESTROY THEM
OH GOD LOOK ON ME
OH GOD HAVE MERCY.

I TRY TO MICHAEL THE ARCH
ANGEL. I SAY HAVE MERCY
ON FATHER. YE KNOW ON ME
THEY AMERICANS DON'T.
THEY HATE ME. LOVE
THEY GOLD AND SILVER
MONEY. THE WEALTH
OF THE WORLD.

FATHER I PRAY KILL THEIR
TONGUES ON KILL THEIR
HEART.

LET THEM KILL ME.

I FAITH IN ME SO SMALL

I TRUST THEE O FATHER

my doubt BECAUSE I HONEST

DESTROY THE WORLD

I WEPT FORGIVE ME

THEY NEED IT.

MICHAEL FORGIVE I SAY WITH --

→ LITTLE MICHAEL ARCH
ANGEL YE BOIL
BLOOD ON MY SCALP
WITH BLIGHTEN LIGHT
MICHAEL FORGIVE ME
TEARS
YE KNOW I SAW
YE THROW THE DRAGON
OUT OF HEAVEN.
I PRAY FATHER DESTROY HIM
THE NICKLE RICH MAN
THE LITTLE BOY WAS WISER
I AM THAN WASHINGTON
GREATER FATHER; NO
HATE IN ME.

□
Dig my GRAVE.
I AM BROKE.
NO MONEY
FEW CLOTHES.

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UNLESS THE SKY

VOLCANO CALIFORNIA

SORRY THE AMERICANS DOLE

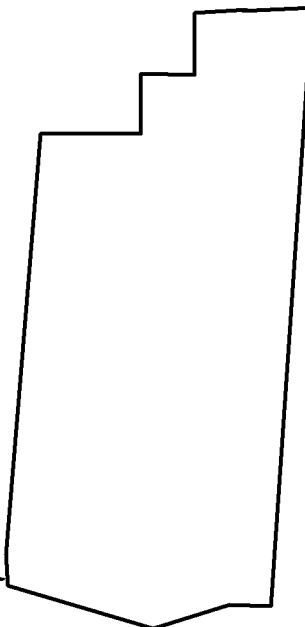
ME FATHER

OIL RIG RIG NO SEA DREAM

LEGs OFF

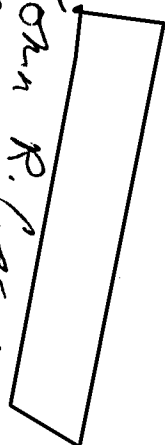
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SAME PERSON
THREATENING



OKLAHOMA

To Joan R. Cash



He even told us
He doesn't know you.
America 37075



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GOOD GET ME HERE
MY HURT



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Date of transcription 5/15/801

[redacted] House of Cash, telephone 824-5110, furnished the following information:

[redacted] of country music star Johnny Cash.

[redacted] advised that Johnny Cash and his family have been the victims of letters containing veiled threats. Some of these letters were sent by an individual identifying himself as [redacted]

[redacted] One letter was sent by [redacted]

The Cash family does not know either of these individuals. They have no idea why they are writing the letters.

[redacted] furnished the original letters and envelopes to the FBI.

Investigation on 5/13/80 at Hendersonville, Tennessee File # ME 9-2143
ME 9-2144 - 3

by SC [redacted] /ja Date dictated 5/14/80

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/15/801

Johnny Cash, country music star, furnished the following information:

Mr. Cash advised he has read the threatening letters that had been addressed to him and/or his family. Mr. Cash is of the opinion the letters are from religious fanatics or mentally unstable individuals. He advised, "These are the kind of people that will kill you because they are not afraid of dying."

Mr. Cash advised the text of the letter from [redacted] indicates he knows the Cash family very well. This has Mr. Cash very concerned.

Mr. Cash does not know either of the individuals who sent the letters nor does he know why they sent the letters.

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Investigation on 5/13/80 at Hendersonville, Tennessee File # ME 9-2143
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by SC [redacted] /jn Date dictated 5/14/80
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7/10/80

SSRA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
ME file 9-2143 (C)

[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)
ME file 9-2144 (P)

To: SAC, MEMPHIS

The purpose for this memorandum is to set forth reasons for utilization of IC's [REDACTED] in captioned matters.

In response to a telephonic request made by [REDACTED] of country music star Johnny Cash, to pick up "crank" letters mailed to the House of Cash, two IC's assigned to Nashville were utilized for that purpose. While at the House of Cash, IC's were met by Johnny Cash and they interviewed Cash re the letters.

Normally in a matter such as this Agents would be utilized; however, at the time there were no Agents available to respond. In view of Agent unavailability, plus the fact that I have a great deal of confidence in the professional demeanor of both [REDACTED] I elected to send them to the House of Cash to pick up the "crank" letters.

The IC's performed this assignment in their usual outstanding fashion and have set out appropriate lead material to identify and develop background on the subjects.

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Date 7/14/80

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (NVRA) (9-2144)

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (9-4247) (RUC)

SUBJECT:
 JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
 EXTORTION (A)
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Re Memphis airtel to Oklahoma City, 5/15/80.

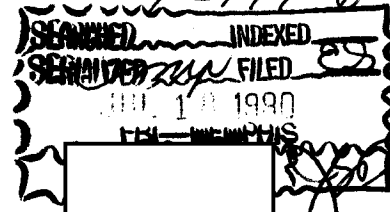
Enclosed for Memphis (NVRA) are three copies of a
 photograph of subject taken 2/25/77.

Subject, whose latest available residence address
 of record is listed as
 is described as follows:

Race	Caucasian
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Nationality	American
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②-Memphis (Enc. 3)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 9-2144

Memphis, Tennessee

August 25, 1980

Honorable Hal Hardin, Jr.
United States Attorney
379 US Courthouse
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Attention: Mr. Roger May
Assistant United States Attorney

RE:

JOHNNY CASH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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Dear Mr. Hardin:

Please find attached copies of handwritten letters sent via the United States Mail to the Johnny Cash family, Hendersonville, Tennessee, from [redacted]

[redacted] These letters appear to contain veiled threats and were brought to the attention of the FBI by [redacted] of Johnny Cash, the renowned entertainer. The letters were read by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Roger May, who discussed them with SA [redacted] on August 20, 1980.

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Mr. May was advised that [redacted]

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1 - Memphis (9-2144)
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After reading and discussing these letters, Mr. May requested that the Cash family be advised that the letters did not contain a specific threat in violation of the Federal Extortion statute and for that reason, [] could not be prosecuted in that regard. [] was so advised by SA [] on August 21, 1980. She replied that they had received no further communication from []. Accordingly, no further investigation in this matter is being conducted by this office.

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Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J. BEAVERS
Special Agent in Charge

By: []
Supervisory Special Agent

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Date Received 5-13-80

From _____

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

House of Cash

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Hendersonville, TN

By SC _____

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes

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Orig letters +
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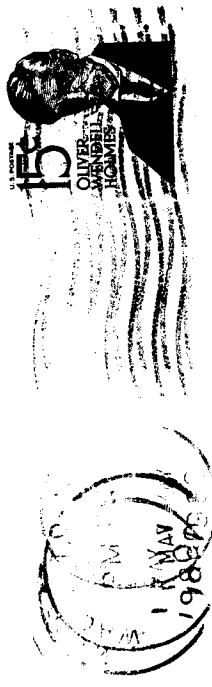
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John R. Cash - And
June CARTER
And



TAKE LOVE And
LIBERTY ~~ok~~ #1-2-96

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JOHN R. LA54
General Delivery
Hendersonville, Tennessee

Field File No. 1A²
OO and File No. 9-2143 + 9-2144
Date Received 5-13-80
From Johnny Cash
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
House of Cash
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Hendersonville, TN
By Clark
To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Johnny Cash

Believes letters to be from
~~illegal~~ fanatics or mentally unstable
individuals.

Cash said "these are the kind of
people that will kill you because they're
not afraid of dying."

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he knows Cash family. She has
Johnny married.

on [] Cash does not know []

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Date Received 7/18/80

From 7/18/80 Oklahoma City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By Memphis
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☐ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☐ No

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(3) enclosures to Memphis NVRA
cc file 9-4247 ↓ file 9-2144
(Rep.) (let.) (airtel) from Oklahoma City
dated 7/14/80
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Los Angeles
(Attn: AUSA THOMAS H. COLEMAN)

Report of: [REDACTED] (A)
Date: 7/22/69

Office: Los Angeles, California b6
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Field Office File #: 62-6794

Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN R. CASH

Character: MISCELLANEOUS - CIVIL SUIT

Synopsis: AUSA, Los Angeles, California, requested limited investigation to determine the validity of an illness claimed by CASH to prevent his appearance in court. A Complaint For Damages (Fire Suppression) filed 6/23/67, USDC, Los Angeles, against CASH in the amount of \$125,127.52. Judgment entered 6/30/69, USDC, Los Angeles, in favor of government in amount of \$82,000.00.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a request by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) THOMAS H. COLEMAN on February 3, 1969, to determine the validity of an illness claimed by JOHN R. CASH to prevent his appearance in court. COLEMAN stated that he was interested in obtaining the name of a reliable physician whom he could contact to examine CASH, who is home in Henderson, Tennessee. He said that CASH had been examined by [REDACTED] at Hendersonville, and this examination was the basis for his excuse not to appear.

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

On February 4, 1969, Special Agent in Charge ROBERT G. JENSEN telephonically advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge RICHARD ROGGE that AUSA ROBERT E. LEE,

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Nashville, Tennessee, recommended a [redacted] Doctors Building, Nashville, Tennessee, who regularly handles examination of patients, witnesses, and the like for the United States Government. United States Marshal (USM) [redacted] was also advised of AUSA COLEMAN's desires and said he will communicate with [redacted] when he sees him.

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JENSEN stated that AUSA [redacted] advised that AUSA COLEMAN should bear in mind that CASH may not consent to an examination by [redacted] without a court order.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On July 14, 1969, a review of the file in this matter revealed that a Complaint For Damages (Fire Suppression), Civil Docket Number 67-889-S, was filed by the Clerk, United States District Court (USDC), Los Angeles, California, on June 23, 1967, asking for \$125,127.52 and alleging that a fire on June 27, 1965, destroyed 508 acres of Los Padres National Forest watershed near Sespe Creek and was started by hot gases and sparks from a defective exhaust system on JOHNNY CASH's camper-truck.

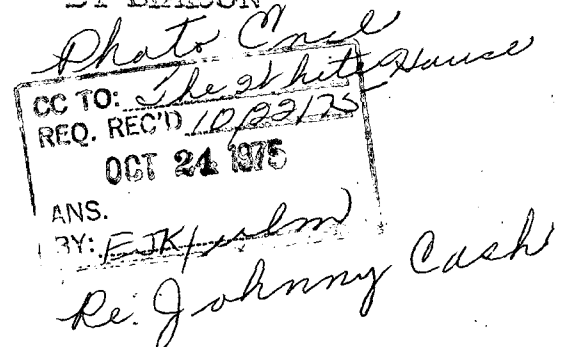
According to the suit, the camper-truck became stuck on a road along the creek, and when CASH attempted to free the vehicle, he gunned the motor, which set off the gas and sparks. The government also alleged that CASH failed to take reasonable precautions to control the fire and failed to report it to the proper authorities.

Final Judgment, and Stipulation Thereto, was entered on June 30, 1969, by the Clerk, USDC, Los Angeles, California, against JOHN R. CASH and in favor of the United States of America in the amount of \$82,000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 percent per year from February 15, 1969.

January 8, 1970

BY LIAISON

Honorable Egil Krogh, Jr.
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Krogh:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning [redacted] and some other individuals.

The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent information identifiable with [redacted] and [redacted]

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning Johnny Cash, [redacted] Red Skelton, and [redacted]

Limited inquiries are also being conducted to determine the current reputation of these individuals, the results of which will be furnished to you when completed.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (5)

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures

1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct) - Enclosures

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January 8, 1970

JOHNNY CASH

Summary

FBI files reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of this name check request.

On June 23, 1967, a complaint for damages was filed against John R. Cash, also known as Johnny Cash, in United States District Court, Los Angeles, California, asking for \$125,127.52 and alleging that a fire on June 27, 1965, destroyed 508 acres of Los Padres National Forest watershed near Sespe Creek. This fire reportedly was started by hot gases and sparks from a defective exhaust system on Cash's camper-truck. According to the suit, the camper-truck became stuck on a road along the Creek. When Cash attempted to free the vehicle, he gunned the motor setting off the gas and sparks. The Government alleged that Cash failed to take reasonable precautions to control the fire and failed to report it to proper authorities.

Final judgment was entered on June 30, 1969, in favor of the United States in the amount of \$82,000 with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per year from February 15, 1969. As of February, 1969, Cash maintained his home at Henderson, Tennessee. (63-13942)

The central files of the FBI contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual.

Attached is a copy of an arrest record which may pertain to captioned individual.

Enclosure

NOTE: Per request of Egil Krogh, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs.

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Cash, Johnny

Birthdate & Place _____

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March 29, 1971

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JOHN R. CASH

Also Known As: Johnny Cash

Reference is made to your request for a check of FBI files concerning the captioned individual, who is a well-known country singer.

The 1969 edition of "Current Biography" indicates that John R. Cash was born on February 26, 1932, at Kingsland, Arkansas. In the event you are interested in additional background data concerning Cash, you may desire to check with the public library for the 1969 edition of "Current Biography."

In June, 1967, the U.S. Government filed suit against Cash for damages in excess of \$125,000, alleging that a fire in June, 1965, destroyed 508 acres of national forest land, which fire had reportedly been started by hot gases and sparks from a defective exhaust system on Cash's camper-truck. The Government, in the suit, alleged that Cash failed to take reasonable precautions to control the fire and failed to report it to proper authorities. On June 30, 1969, a judgment was entered in favor of the U.S. in the sum of \$82,000 together with interest.

In early 1970, sources in the Memphis Office of this Bureau in the entertainment field advised that Cash was a reformed drinker and had taken the pledge; that he had a good reputation at that time; was reportedly religious and interested in the crusade of evangelist Dr. Billy Graham. At that time it was reported that one Johnny Cash, born February 26, 1932, according to the records of the Nashville, Tennessee, Police Department, had been arrested on November 15, 1961, on "drunk" charges and had forfeited a \$5 fine.

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NOTE: Per memo approved by Director 3/25/71, Rosen to Sullivan, captioned "John R. Cash, Also Known as Johnny Cash."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan *[Signature]*

DATE: 3/25/71

FROM : A. Rosen *[Signature]*

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Rosen

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SUBJECT: JOHN R. CASH

ALSO KNOWN AS JOHNNY CASH

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On 3/24/71

advised as follows:

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Bureau files reveal that a suit was filed by the United States against Cash in June, 1967, for damages in excess of \$125,000, alleging that a fire in June, 1965, destroyed 508 acres of national forest, the fire reportedly having been started by hot gases and sparks from a defective exhaust system on Cash's camper-truck. The Government alleged Cash failed to take reasonable precautions to control the fire and failed to report it to proper authorities. Judgment was entered on June 30, 1969, in favor of the United States in the sum of \$82,000 together with interest.

In early 1970 sources in the Memphis Office in the entertainment field advised Cash was a reformed drinker and had taken the pledge; that he had a good reputation at that time and was reportedly religious and interested in the crusade of evangelist Dr. Billy Graham. The Memphis Office also advised that records of the Nashville Police Department revealed one Johnny Cash, born 2/26/32, who is believed identical with the subject, was arrested on 11/15/61 on "drunk" charges and forfeited a \$5 fine.

[Signature]
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Memo to Mr. Sullivan
Re: John R. Cash
Also Known As Johnny Cash

Identification Division records reveal an arrest of Cash on 5/31/65 by the Sheriff's Office at Minden, Nevada, on a charge of "drunk" and he was released on \$50 bail. He was arrested on 10/4/65 by the United States Marshal at El Paso, Texas, on a charge of smuggling and concealing dexadrin and equinal tablets. Thirty days' sentence on each charge was suspended and he was fined \$2,000, which was paid on 3/8/66. (62-5-35430)(63-13942-2)

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RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, a summary of the above data, together with a copy of Cash's arrest record will be forwarded to

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October 29, 1975

MR. AND MRS. ~~JOHNNY CASH~~

U.S.A.

Mrs. Cash is not known to have been the subject of an investigation conducted by this Bureau.

Summary
Mr. Cash, who you advised is contacted through House of Cash, Incorporated, Post Office Box 508, Hendersonville, Tennessee, may be identical with one John R. Cash, a country or folk singer, born February 26, 1932, at Kingsland, Arkansas. Cash was the subject of a White House name check in 1970. A copy of the FBI memorandum dated January 8, 1970, concerning Johnny Cash, is attached.

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Also enclosed is a copy of FBI Identification Division Record 389 399 F concerning John R. Cash.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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NOTE: Per request of [redacted] Staff Assistant, (Security), The White House.

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 Birthdate & Place 2-26-32 Arkansas
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P.O. Box 508 Sandersville, Ga, Tenn.

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